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U.S. servicemembers in military vehicles man a checkpoint Saturday on Airport Road, the route leading to Baghdad International Airport. American troops on Friday fired on the car rushing Italian ournalist Giuliana Sgrena to the airport after a month in captivity. Sgrena was wounded and Nicola lipari, the Italian intelligence officer who helped negotiate her release, was killed.

# Horror on **Airport Road**

Shooting of journalist, agent took place on feared path out of Baghdad

> BY ALISSA J. RUBIN Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD - The route runs through a broad and flat landscape, bare but for a few date palms rising tall and dignified and the occasional small bush. Except for the litter of plastic bottles and bags, the scene is almost pastoral, peaceful

It hardly seems the place where people could hide and detonate bombs or jump out and ambush vehicles. But this is Baghdad's Airport Road, six miles paved with dread.

It was on this road that U.S. soldiers opened fire Friday night on the car carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, wounding her and killing Nicola Calipari, the Italian intelligence agent who had negotiated her release from Sunni insurgents.





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## Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Judge's family murders: The parents of white supremacist Matthew Hale said they don't believe that any member of Hale's group is capable of murdering a federal judge's hus-

band and mother.

In separate telephone interviews, Evelyn Hutcheson and Russell Hale said Sunday they are worried authorities will cancel their visits to their son, who is awaiting sentencing next month for soliciting an FBI informant to kill Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow in Chicago.

#### World

Iran nuclear program: Iran confirmed on Monday that its Natanz uranium enrichment plant in central Iran is underground to protect its nuclear equipment from any possible airstrikes, but it insisted that was not a sign the program aims to produce weapons.

U.S. officials have said building nuclear facilities underground is inconsistent with Iran's claims that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

Ali Akbar Salehi, a nuclear affairs adviser to the Iranian foreign minister, said U.S. and Israeli threats to the program forced Iran to take precautions to protect its technology—including the string of centrifuges used to enrich uranium—even though, Iran says, the program aims only to produce electricity.

Rabin assassin's request: The Israeli Supreme Court on Monday rejected a request by Yitzhak Rabin's assassin to have conjugal visits with the woman he says he mar-

ried by proxy.

Yigal Amir, who is serving a life term for the Nov. 4, 1995, killing of Rabin, had sought permission to have conjugal visits with Larisa Trimbobler.

Congo violence: Militiamen and renegade soldiers have raped and beaten tens of thousands of women and young girls in eastern Congo, and nearly all the crimes have gone unpunished by the country's broken judicial system, an international human rights group said Monday.

Hundreds of new rapes are reported every week, but only 10 soldiers and militants have been convicted of rape in relatively lawless eastern Congo since the end of the country's devastating war in 2002, New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report.

**Pope's recovery:** Pope John Paul II is likely to be released from the hospital in time for Holy Week services that begin with Palm Sunday on March 20 and culminate



Pakistan rape verdict protest: Pakistani women stage a rally Monday to support a rape victim in Multan, Pakistan. More than 3,000 women rallied in this asstern Pakistani city, demanding justice and protection for Mukhtar Mai, a 33-year-old teacher, whose alleged rapists were released by a court last week. Mai – who attended the rally — was allegedly gang raped in June 2002 by men from Mastoi clan, considered to be socially higher than her Gujar tribe in Meerwah. A court sentential court in Multan last Thursday overturned the conviction of five of the menand reduced the other man's sentence to life in prison.

with Easter, the Vatican said Monday.

The pope has suffered no complications since a Feb. 42 surgery to insert a tube in his windpipe and ease his second breathing criss in a month, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. But he said doctors have cautioned John Paul not to use his voice too much to ensure he makes a complete recover to

West Bank violence: Palestinian militants wounded two Israeli border policemen in a shooting attack on a military post near a West Bank shrine Monday, the latest

attempt to disrupt a delicate cease-fire.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, reacting to the attack, said Jews would continue to live and pray in Hebron, endorsing the settler presence in the tense city.

N. Korea nuke talks: The top U.S. negotiator for the North Korea nuclear dispute will visit Washington and Tokyo this week to seek ways to lure Pyongyang back to the negotiat-

ing table, the U.S Embassy said Monday. Christopher Hill will meet Kenichiro Sasae, director-general of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asia-Oceania bureau, on Thursday, the embassy said. In Washington, Hill is expected to hold consultations on the six-party talks and give a speech before returning to South Korea.

Taiwanese president shooting: Investigators on Monday said the "most likely suspect" in the election-eve shooting that grazed the Taiwanese president's stomach was an unemployed man in his 50s who was depressed about the economy and committed suicide shortly after the attack.

Chief investigator Hou You-yi told reporters that evidence linking the suspect, Chen Yi-hsiung, to the shooting included video footage of the crime scene.

#### Business

Justice Department v. Microsoft: The Justice Department, which challenged Microsoft Corp. in courtrooms for nearly a decade over antitrust violations, will pay more than \$2 million each year to buy business software from Corel Corp., a leading Microsoft rival.

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# Gen. Wright: 'Moral commitment' a priority

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The commander of U.S. Forces Japan and the 5th Air Force released a statement Friday in which he offered insights into his command philosophy.

Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright stated in the release that his philosophy boils down to two words: unwavering professionalism.

He stated that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps each have core values that collectively include characteristics such as integrity, service, excellence, honor, courage, commitment, loyalty, duty

"These values are founded on what the majority of us believe and can be further boiled down to two main principles ... moral commitment and technical proficien-

Wright stated He wrote that moral commitment is "consistently doing the right thing, both in terms of what society expects of us, as well as what we should expect of ourselves

when we look in the mirror' He said the relation between moral commitment and leadership is no coincidence. nical proficiency as "making a commit-ment to being the most competent individual vou can be both in your professional and personal conduct and it's about taking that com-

petency and applying

to helping others within the command reach our common objectives."

Salmon release to kick off Earth Day events



"If some of this is new to you, that's okay," Wright wrote, "You now know about your new commander's 'code of conduct' for U.S. Forces, Japan. There is absolutely no doubt almost every single member of U.S. Forces, Japan understands and lives by the standards I have described

"For the very few who choose a different path, I will not abide standards that our force can not and will not accept," Wright stated. "Those who cannot find the self-discipline to maintain the standards of our profession will not be tolerated within our

#### Blue Ridge on port call

The USS Blue Ridge, the 7th Fleet's command ship, arrived in Singapore on Monday for a routine port visit, according to a Navy news release.

ship's approximately 1,000-sailor crew "will have a chance to sightsee, shop, enjoy sandy beaches and participate in friendship and goodwill activities," according to the release

The Blue Ridge is perma-nently forward-deployed to the western pacific and oper-ates out of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

#### Airman punished

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan A 35th Aircraft Mainte-nance Squadron member recently pleaded guilty at a base court-martial to driving while under the influence of alcohol and fleeing the scene of an ac-

Senior Airman Franciso Rodriguez received a reduction in rank to airman, or E-2, 15 days of confinement and 15 days of hard labor without confinement, according to a base news report.

Rodriguez was driving on White Pole road when crashed into a street pole at about 5 a.m. on Sept. 18. He tried to drive away but base security forces cut him off, according to the report. Rodrigu

ez then tried to leave on foot but was apprehended.

His .251 blood alcohol con-tent was the highest reading from the 34 DUI cases 35th Security Forces Squadron investi-gated in 2004, a security forces investigator testified at court proceedings

#### **Deputy promoted**

Maj. Gen. Timothy R. Lars-en, deputy commander of U.S. Forces Japan, was promoted from brigadier general Monday morning at the Yokota Air Base, Japan, Officers' Club.

Larsen has held his USFJ position since September 2003 and has been in the Marine Corps since 1973, according to USFJ.

#### Zama High concert

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — The Zama American High School Band is scheduled to hold a fund-raising concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school audito-

Proceeds will help pay to ex-pand the band's music library, school officials said.

From staff reports

#### BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Other Earth Day/Green Day activities this spring

■ Misawa Fish Port Cleanup, April 16: Help local residents pick up trash along Misawa city's fishing port and then enjoy a picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs and clams on the shell.

■ Coloring Contest, April 21-29: First-, second- and third-grade pupils at Misawa are to draw pictures conveying the Earth Day theme. The artwork will be on display at the base exchange April 21-29.

■ Misawa Artifacts Display, end of April (exact dates to be announced): Misawa city will bring a display to base of artifacts uncovered on base from a 4,000-year-old village. The materials, including pot-tery shards, clay pieces and wood charcoal, were unearthed about two years ago during a construction project near the base fire-training pit. Teasley said the display will be the first time the artifacts have been displayed on base.

■ Oirase Gorge Clean-up, May 14: Misawa residents, with Towada City college, local schoolchildren and several agricultural agencies, plan to clean up a section of the Oirase River Gorge about 30 miles from base.

Call the Family Support Center at DSN 226-4735 for more Earth Day event information or to sign up for one of the trips.

release. After 21/2-inch-long fish are released into the river, they'll eventually make their way downstream to the Pacific Ocean, Teasley said. There's no way to determine how many fish make it to the open ocean, but "the government of Japan has confirmed that the mature salmon population has increased over the last few years" in northern Japan, Teasley said. Residents of Shimoda, Kamaki-

ta. Misawa. Towada and other

neighboring towns are to release the salmon in buckets starting about 9:30 am Participants then may attend a cultural potluck with giant sushi rolls at lunchtime. Americans are asked to bring a dish to share. "What we try and do is make opportunities for base residents to get out and mix with the local population in situations where they might not normally feel comfortable." Teasley said

Those interested should call

the Family Support Center at DSN 226-4735.

With Earth Day on April 22 and Japan's Green Day on April 29 Teasley said base officials decided to spread environmental activities throughout the year, noting he works closely with Brent Hefty and Takeshi Ukon of 35th Civil Engineer Squadron and Family Support Center's Anne Turnbull in coordinating the various environmental events.

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to the top winners.

## growing area for the salmon until Getting a closer look

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MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -

Misawa base residents have a

chance to do something good for

the planet during a series of

Earth Day activities on base and

in local communities throughout

Kicking off this year's environ-

ment-friendly events is the 9th

Annual Baby Salmon Release on

March 19, in Shimoda Town about six miles south of the base.

About 300,000 to 400,000 salm-

on fingerlings are to be released

into the Oirase River about two

miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean. The event helps maintain

the northern Japan salmon popu-

lation. River siltation keeps the

fish from their ancestral spawn-

ing ground at the Oirase River

headwaters near Lake Towada.

said Paul Teasley, Naval Air Facil-

ity Misawa's environmental de-

The baby salmon are bred from

adult fish captured in Shimoda

Town's November salmon festi-

val. Teasley said the Japanese

government funds a protected

partment director.

the spring



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Staff Sgt. Keith Malloy, a precision measurement equipment laboratory technician from the 374th Maintenance Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, uses precision balance equipment to examine standard weights during a routine check on Monday. The unit develops and sustains precision measurements to ensure traceable, accurate, reliable and safe air and space systems performance.

## Pacific students to gather for symposium on science

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strines

Department of Defense Dependents Schools students from across the Pacific are planning to again gather near Tokyo to explore scientific research during the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

Students in the region have been attending the symposium for more than 20 years, according to DODDS officials.

It introduces students in eighth through 12th grade to original research, science, math and engineering.

Students learn about research and experimentation and the importance of research in human affairs. The symposium helps expose them to academic, industrial and governmental opportunities, officials said.

During the three-day seminar beginning March 21, students will present their research, visit research facilities and compete for scholarships. Local military and civilian scientists judge the projects and award scholarships

DODDS students from Japan, Okinawa, Guam and South Korea are scheduled to attend.

The symposium is held 30 miles north of Tokyo in Tsukuba City, home to the National Science Foundation and related universities.

Last year more than 125 students participated. About the same number are expected this year, officials said.

In addition to tours and seminars, the students will have hands-on demonstrations, presentations and trips.

The symposium is significant this school year as the DODDS Pacific and Guam districts implement a new science program that includes new course materials, teacher training and a variety of science opportunities.

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# **Cold weather breaks records on Okinawa**

BY DAVID ALLEN AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — The Japanese have a word for it: samui.

That means cold — bone-chilling cold. That's what it's been on Okinawa this past week.

A cold spell that dominated the island over the weekend set a March record for Okinawa. According to the Okinawa Meteorological Observatory, it was just 41.4 degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday in Kunigami Village, at Hedo Point in Okinawa's far

The reading was the lowest temperature recorded for March since local records first were kept in 1979, said an observatory

weather forecaster.

In Naha, the lowest temperature was 48.2 degrees Sunday. For March, it was the coldest day in nine years and the tenth coldest

since 1946, he said. And it felt even colder.

"With winds and rain, the temperature felt much lower than what was actually re-

corded," the weather forecaster said. Naha's coldest day on record was 43.9 degrees in February 1947 and January 1967

The coldest temperature in central Okinawa last weekend was 46 degrees Sunday, said an 18th Weather Flight spokeswoman at Kadena Air Base.

Saturday, the meteorological observatory received a report that a resident in Sashiki, a village west of Naha, had seen hail. And an employee at a Higashi Village lodging facility said a family at the lodge report-

ed seeing hail hitting the windows of their room Saturday night.

"The cold spell over the weekend was a result of a strong cold wave coming down from the North Pole," said Tadashi Zamami, a senior weather forecaster at the observatory.

Zamami said the weekend's cold snap should be the season's last, although the temperature could dip to a mildly chilly 63 degrees next weekend after climbing as high as 71 degrees by midweek.

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## Kadena airman jailed for allegedly robbing girlfriend

BY CHIYOMI SUMIDA Stars and Stripes

CHATAN, Okinawa — An airman assigned to Kadena Air Base is jailed, accused by police of stealing about \$17,000 of equipment from a Mihama tattoo parlor owned by a woman police said was his girlfriend.

The airman also is accused of taking, then releasing, the woman's pet American cocker spaniel, an Okinawa police spokesman said.

The spokesman said Sgt. Jamieo Carter, 31, was being held in an Okinawa jail Monday on suspicion of burglary and theft. The spokesman said Carter is suspected of forcing open the back door of the tatto parlor and stealing 1,642 items worth about 1.8 million yen (\$17,000), including the dog and a fax machine.

An Air Force public affairs spokeswoman confirmed Carter's name but would not confirm the airman's unit assignment.

The police spokesman said the incident, which occurred early Thursday morning, appeared to be the result of a squabble between Carter and his girlfriend, who owns the business. The store owner reported the burglary to police the same day.

#### Arts center training

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Yokota's Arts and Crafts Center will be closed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday for staff training. Call 225-9044 for more informa-

#### Spa Day at Misawa

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Home businesses on base as well as groups or individuals are needed to provide services during a "spa day" for spouses of deployed servicemembers March 16.

People skilled in massage, manicures, makeovers and hair styling may call DSN 226-4735 to volunteer or to request more information.

From staff reports

On Friday, she received a phone call from an employee of the Ramada Renaissance hotel in Onna that the fax machine and

other items had been discovered scattered in bushes near the hotel. The hotel employee traced the woman from contact information found on some of the items, the po-

lice spokesman said.

Later Friday, as the woman was checking the items found near the hotel, a person subsequently identified as Carter was seen nearby, the police spokesman said.

The shop owner identified Carter, who admitted he stole the woman's property, the police spokesman said. The airman was asked to report to the Okinawa City police station, where he was arrested at 9:15 p.m.

Police sent the case, accusing Carter of burglary and theft, to the Naha Public Prosecutor's Office on Sunday.

The cocker spaniel, which is named Camel and which Carter told police had been released near the hotel, remained missing Monday, the police spokesman said.

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#### Kadena class celebrates Women's History Month



FRED ZIMMERMAN/Stars and Strip

Skith-grader Alexis Bonnell portrays Amelia Earhart while reading a biography she wrote on the famous aviatrix during a Women's History Month personality performance at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School on Kadena Air Base on Monday. Charlotte McGim's sixth-grade gifted-education students put on a performance for classmates and family members. McGim's sixth-grade gifted-education students put on a performance for classmates and family members. McGim said she chose to hold the event to "introduce some ladies who have made meaningful and positive contributions to society" to the students as part of Women's History Month. Other famous women represented were Olympic gymnast Nadia Comanci; underwater explorer Sylvia Earles; scientist Marie Currie; Egyptian queen Cleopatra; actress Helen Hayes; Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Abigail Adams, outspoken wife of John Adams; and heroic British wan runser Forence (hitchinsale.



Fussa Gate

At Fussa Gate: Left on 16 to light. Turn right. Take next left. Church on left.

Term Gate



## Road: 'It is a battleground ... without rules or certainties'

Having reported from Iraq for much of the last two years, I was initially dismayed to hear that a fellow journalist having survived the unimaginable stress and fear of being a hostage was then the victim of an American military shooting. But when I learned the incident occurred on the airport road, it became, at one level, understandable

Bad things happen on the airport road - all the time. Many people who travel it on a regular basis have a personal horror story, a moment when they thought, "this might be it." Everyone else has a friend who has had one

Since the war, the airport road has not been any ordinary highway. It is a battleground; a place without rules or certainties, a place where there are no guarantees of safety for civilians or soldiers of any nationality.

For the ordinary traveler, there are two hazards: the wary, short-fused American troops who have lost dozens of their com-

rades to road side bombs and ambushes on the road and the insurgents who target the U.S. military convoys that ply the route.

It is a road to be approached caution with a plan, with wariness of every other car and every American convoy

About five hours before Sgrena was shot, I was on the same road, traveling in the opposite direction from the airport into Baghdad with what has become routine unease. Rather than looking at the scenery. I stared straight ahead

and felt a faint nausea.

ployees must travel the route have rules for how to do it. Like most security measures in war zones, they are gospel until the day they don't work. Some people use armored vehicles and have chase cars with armed guards, believing that while they may be conspicuous, at least in an armored car they will survive if insurgents open fire.

Others who are wary that armored vehicles might attract the insurgents will travel only in old Iragi cars.

No one talks much about the reality that only the heaviest armor (the kind used by the military) can withstand a roadside bomb, and even then not all roadside bombs. Few civilian cars are outfitted with that amount of armor.

I travel in an old Iraqi car, and dress in a black gown and head scarf so as not to attract attention. When a military convoy appears, my driver slows down and waits for it to get at least half a mile ahead before we pick up our pace again If we

get too close It is a road to be and insurgents approached with open fire on the concaution, with a voy, we fear we may get plan, with wariness hit As the road of every other car slipped by on

> scene, and yet aware of my suspicions. Were the three children playing in the scrub by the side of the road just in need of a playground, or they had they been trained to step on a detonator as a U.S. convoy moves by? Was the dead goat stuffed with explosives? Could the quiet neighborhood with hardly a car in sight hide insurgents?

Friday, I was

struck by the calm of the



Vehicles pass a checkpoint manned by U.S. soldiers on the road leading to Baghdad International Airport.

"See, that's where there was an IED," said my driver, Ahmad, using the military's shorthand for improvised explosive device. 'You can see the pit," he said gesturing to a crater. He pointed to the charred shell of a car sitting a few feet off the shoulder. "See that, that's a bomb car," he said.

"Last summer I was here, driving from the airport, and suddenly, 'Boom!' A Humyee ahead of us was hit. I said, 'It's OK, it's OK and then everyone began shooting — the Americans, the Iraqis over there," he said, gesturing to the nearby neighborhood.

One of the mosques near the beginning of the route, Ibn Tamimi, is well known as an insurgent center. When U.S. soldiers searched it, they found rocket-propelled

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med Jihad and another named Furat, where former intelligence officers from the Saddam Hussein regime live. "Very tough place," declared Ahmad.

Insurgents hide in the neighborhood and scurry out to lay bombs that can be detonated at a distance with cell phones or garage door openers. Sometimes they shoot from the rooftops of houses.

The Americans have tried to make it difficult for insurgents to operate along the road. They have chopped down palm trees and taken down fences that insurgents hid behind. They have put up observation cameras. They have handed out leaflets and warned people who live in the area not to collaborate with insurgents. But insurgents keep finding new modes of attack

On Friday, a military convoy sped by. We stopped, letting it go far ahead. Next we sighted two SUVs that looked like they might be carrying security contractors. Again we slowed for fear that insurgents might target them.

Suddenly Ahmad sped up, barreling down the rough highway at nearly 80 mph. My worries about insurgents and skittish U.S. soldiers quickly turned to fear of a car accident as he honked to get cars to move out of the way

He believed we were being followed. A burgundy car with three men in it was visible in our rear view mirror, speeding close be-hind us. We couldn't tell if they were armed

Finally, we lost them and slowed down. As we drew up to our hotel, we saw the car again it had been the chase car of another news organization. The misplaced suspicion would have been funny, if the situation had not been so dangerous.

The Italians were on the road at a far worse time. Although there are few attacks at night, there is also little visibility, and the U.S. military suspects every vehicle.

Like us, Sgrena must have been frightened of being on the road. But having just escaped from insurgents, I wonder if she ever thought she'd he mistaken for one



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Some vehicles that travel on the road that leads to Baghdad Internation al Airport pass by the Furat neighborhood, where former intelligence officers from the Saddam Hussein regime live. Insurgents hide in the neighborhood and lay bombs that can be detonated at a distance.

# 31 Iraqis killed in series of attacks by insurgents

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Guerrillas launched a series of attacks in Iraq on Monday that left 31 neople dead and dozens wounded as the country took its first major step toward forming a government whose most crucial task will be dealing with the insurgency.

Bulgaria said one of its soldiers killed in Iraq on Friday was likely hit by friendly fire from coalition troops. The shooting came on the same day as U.S. troops fired on a car carrying Italian journalist Giulilana Sgrena, wounding her and killing an Italian intelligence officer who negotiated her release from insurgents.

Al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility in an Internet statement for much of the bloodshed — violence in and around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, where 15 people died. Another car bomb killed 12 people in Balad, southeast of Baqouba.

The Baqouba assaults included car bomb, three roadside bombs and small arms attacks three checkpoints, one of them just south of Baqouba in Muradiyah, said police Col. Mudhaal-Jubbori. U.S. Maj. Ed House said a suicide car bombing outside a police station there killed nine people and wounded 17. The dead included the bomber, two police, three soldiers and three civilians.

In another attack near the city a group of about 20 insurgents in five vehicles attacked an army checkpoint with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, killing five Iraqi soldiers. The troops fought back, killing one of the attackers. Nine people were wounded, House said

Militants also fired a mortar near the blue-domed governor's office, but no one was hurt, said a spokesman for the U.S. 42nd Infantry Division, Maj. Richard Goldenberg.

Another car bomb exploded outside the home of Iraqi army Lt. Col. Mohammed Abdul Mutaled in Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing 12 people and injuring 21 others, said the city's po lice chief, Ayad Ahmed. Hospital officials said most of the casualties were bystanders. Iragi security forces are frequently targeted by insurgents

The death Friday of Bulgarian Pvt. Gardi Gardev was likely caused by friendly fire from troops of the U.S.-led coalition, according to Bulgarian Defense Minister Nikolai Svinarov Sofia

A U.S. military spokesman Tech. Sgt. Patrick Murphy, said the commanding general in the region had appointed a commission to investigate.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Sunday, at least 1,507 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain,

three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each: and Denmark El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Staff Sgt. Juan M. Solorio, 32, Dallas; killed Friday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Mosul; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash



An injured man is carried into a hospital on Monday after insurgents launched a series of attacks in and around the city of Bagouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Those attacks, as well as a car bomb in Balad, left 31 people dead and dozens more wounded.



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## 5 Irish war protesters plead not guilty to attacking plane

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Five Iraq war protesters charged with criminally damaging a U.S. Navy transport aircraft pleaded not guilty Monday in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court.

The five — Deirdre Clancy, Nuin Dunlop, Karen Fallon, Damien Moran and Kieran O'Reilly — were arrested in February 2003 inside or near a hangar housing the aircraft, which had been attacked a few days earlier by a lone

ax-wielding protester:

The protesters' two alleged incursions into Shannon Airport
highlighted grass roots Irish opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of
Iraq and embarrassed the Irish
government, which deployed a
battalion of troops around the air-

port's perimeter to prevent fur-

Ireland, an officially neutral nation, has permitted the U.S. military to use Shannon in County Clare, southwest Ireland, for the past three years as a refueling point for its operations in Afghani-

stan and Iraq.

The five facing charges of criminal damage, as well as criminal trespass, could face up to 10 years each in prison in convict-

They are members of a radical peace group called the Catholic Worker Movement. While three are Irish, Fallon is a Scot and Dun-

lop is a U.S. citizen.

About 200 supporters of the five on Monday staged a march from O'Connell Street, the main

thoroughfare of Dublin, to the nearby Four Courts building, where the trial is expected to last about a week.

The first protester to attack the plane, Mary Kelly, received a two-year suspended sentence Dec. 1 following her conviction for causing crimi-

The 52-year-old homemaker had attacked the unguarded plane with a hatchet. She argued that her action was justifiable to prevent the aircraft

from going to Iraq.
At her trial, the U.S. Navy crew of the Boeing 737 testified the plane was carrying spare parts to an air base on the Italian island of Sicily — not Iraq.

# White House rejects claim that U.S. forces targeted journalist

The Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — The White House on Monday said it was "absurd" for a former hostage in Iraq to charge that U.S. military forces may have deliberately targeted her car as

she was being rushed to freedom.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the car carrying Italian journalist Giuli-

ana Sgrena

was traveling on one of the most dangerous roads in Iraq, to the Baghdad airport, when it was fired upon. An Italian intelli-

gence officer in the car was shot and killed. Responding to Sgrena's statement that the car may have been deliberately targeted, McClellan said. "It's absurd to make any such suggestion, that our men and women in uniform would deliberately target innocent civil-

"That's just absurd," McClellan

He said the airport road "has been a place where suicide car bombers have launched attacks. It's been a place where regime elements have fired upon coalition forces. It is a dangerous road and it is a combat zone that our coalition forces are in.

Oftentimes, they have to make split-second decisions to protect their own security.

"And we regret this incident," McClellan said. "We are going to fully investigate what exactly occurred."

Sgrena has said it was possible her car was targeted deliberately because the United States opposes Italy's policy of negotiating with kidnappers.



Afghan refugee women walk inside an abandoned building in Kabul, Afghanistan, where they and other returning exiles are living Friday. Three years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan has appointed the first female provincial sovernor.

# Afghan women set out on quest for political parity

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Fifteen Afghan men, heads slightly bowed, file into a crowded living room to greet the recently appointed chief of Bamiyan province. They sip tea and listen patiently as the new governor holds court.

Such a courtesy call is commonplace in this deeply hierarchical society when someone wins high office — save for one critical difference: On this occasion, the men's respect is directed toward a woman, the first female governor in this Islamic nation's long and tortured history.

Three years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan is casting off the shackles of fundamentalism that once barred its women from public life, kept girls from school

and barred women from working.
The selection of Habiba Sarobi
to head the central highland prov-

ince of Bamiyan is a new milestone, but the governor is the first to acknowledge that it masks a sad reality. "There are equal rights for women on paper. The challenge is to put it into practic... Afghanistan is still a male-dominated society," Sarobi said. For the vast majority of Afghan

For the vast majority of Afghan women, little has changed since the Taliban's ouster, with their daily lives dominated by archaic traditions and grinding poverty.

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Since the Tailbar's ouster by
U.S.-led forces in late 2001, millions of girls have returned to
school. And while women are still
mostly on the periphery of public
life and business, some opportunities have reopened for them.

Women's rights were enshrined in a democratic constitution adopted in early 2004. But skeptics—and even the high-profile women appointees themselves—concede they have little political clout.

### Sabotage ruled out in C-130 crash

LONDON — The likelihood that hostile fire downed a British transport plane on Jan. 30 in Iraq increased Monday when military officials ruled out sabotage and engine failure in the crash that killed 10 neonle

An interim report by the Royal Air Force board of inquiry excluded a range of possible explanations, including lightning, collision with another aircraft or cargo exploding in the crash of the Hercules C-130 transport north of Baghdad about a half-hour after polls closed in Iraq's landmark elections.

But the panel did not rule out the possibility that

the Hercules, which was on an administrative flight between Baghdad and a U.S. air base at Balad, may have been shot down by guerrillas with a surfaceto-air missile.

On Feb. 9, Air Force Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, the deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, said he believed the British aircraft was downed by hostile action rather than by a mechanical problem. He had also suggested the possibility of sabotage.

The death toll of 10 was the highest for any single incident suffered by the British military in Iraq since the war was launched in March 2003.

rom The Associated Press



# AF lifts Boeing ban on satellite launch bids

BY MATTHEW DALY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force on Friday lifted a 20-month ban prohibiting Boeing Co. from bidding on satellite launch contracts, saying the company had corrected problems that led to accusations that it stole information

from a competitor in 1998.

The Chicago-based aerospace giant was suspended in 2003 and stripped of some \$1 billion in launch contracts after it was found in possession of thousands of sensitive documents belonging to rival Lockheed Martin.

Acting Air Force Secretary
Peter Teets said Boeing will return
burse the military \$1.9 million for
the cost of investigating the allegations. Boeing also will pay for a
special compliance officer, reporting to the Air Force, who will monitor the company's business ethics for the next three vears.

"This has been the longest suspension of a major defense contractor, and it demonstrates how seriously we take the issue of procurement integrity," Teets said. "Over the past 20 months, Boeing has taken serious corrective actions."

In July 2003, the Air Force banned Boeing from satellite launches after concluding that Boeing committed "serious and substantial violations of Federal law" by stealing extensive information of the steal law" by stealing extensive information competition for a \$1,9 billion stelled in the steal of the steal o

Both companies participate in the Air Force's Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program, the military's main system for getting satellites into space.

Under the interim agreement announced Friday, Boeing will be allowed to compete next year when the Air Force holds a competition for a new round of launches.

The Air Force initially awarded Boeing and Lockheed Martin contracts worth nearly \$2 billion over the course of 28 missions from 2002 through 2008. Boeing received the majority of the contracts, many of which were transferred to Lockheed Martin after Boeing was suspended.

Three Boeing employees were charged in connection with the alleged thefts.

"We have worked hard over the past 20 months to restore the trust

## Latest F-15 jet passes test flights

BY JIM SUHR

ST. LOUIS — Boeing Co.'s newest fighter jet has made a successful maiden flight, passing all tests ahead of a ceremonial rollout later this month, the

aerospace company's defense unit said.
Chicago-based Boeing has a \$3.6 billion contract
with South Korea to provide 40 of the F-15K Strike
Eagles from next year through August 2008. The
new planes will join the fleet of F-16 jets that now

form the backbone of the South Korean air force.

A derivative of the F-15E used by the U.S. Air
Force, the F-15K can carry more than 23,000
pounds of cargo, reach Mach 2.5 — two and a half
times the speed of sound — and use the latest mili-

tary technologies, Boeing said. On Thursday, Boeing's chief F-15 test pilot and chief weapons systems officer put the jet through its paces, soaring to an altitude of about 50,000 feet, surpassing Mach 2 and accomplishing engine

shutdowns and restarts during the hourlong flight.
Coming four days ahead of schedule, "it was a
good mission — as good as you can do on your first
time out," said Bill Barksdale, a spokesman for
Boeing Air Force Systems. "The test pilot was really bearw with it."

ly happy with it."

A condition of the deal with South Korea was that the jet components would be made in that country but the final assembly of the jets would take place in the United States.

country both the masketney the least states of Boeing rose \$2.12, or 3.8 percent, to close at \$57.42 Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, climbing to the highest level since the Exchange, climbing to the highest level since the Expt. 11, 2001, terror attacks sent the plane manufacturer's commercial airline customers into a deep slump.

and confidence of our customer, and we are grateful that we have reached this point," said Boeing spokesman Doug Kennett.

A Lockheed spokesman declined to comment, citing ongoing litigation.

In addition to the administrative sanctions Boeing has faced, the company is facing separate civil and criminal investigations as a result of acquiring the Lockeed papers.

The Air Force has estimated the total cost of shifting launches to Lockheed, building a new launch pad on the West Coast and covering other financial fallout from Boeing's document-gathering has amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Boeing also faces ongoing questions about its relationship with a former top Air Force procurement official, who has admitted giving the company special treatment.

Darleen Druyun, who later took a job at Boeing, is now serving nine months in prison for violating federal conflict-of-interest laws.

The Government Accountability Office said in separate reports last month that the Air Force improperly favored Boeing in at least two contracts worth a total of \$6.5 billion.

#### Darmstadt duty's over



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripe

Staff Sgt. Ryan Bever, left, and soldiers of the 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion of the 129th Military Police, stand in formation during a farewell ceremony Monday in Darmstadt, Germany. The MPs have been in charge of all community law enforcement operations in Darmstadt since December 2003, according to 233rd Base Support Battalion Public Atfairs Office in Darmstadt. Bever was credited with saving another soldier's life last year. Prior to deploying to Germany, the MPs served as field artillery soldiers in the Missouri Army National Guard.

## Project aims to save whales from Navy sonar

BY CATHERINE CLABBY

Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

BEAUFORT, N.C. — After more than 30 whales died during a mass beaching in North Carolina in January, sonar from U.S. Navy ships surfaced as a possible cause. Now scientists are trying to steer Navy vessels clear of such tragedies.

Two Duke University researchers are devising a system intended to predict where and when whales, dolphins and other animals swim off U.S. shores. Navy planners could use it to put distance between some harmful operations and vulnerable animals.

"There's a lot of promise to this approach," said Mardi Hastings, a program officer for marine mammal science and technology with the Office of Naval Research. "It's the only way we can think of that would provide us with predictive capabilities."

Navy vessels, like all ships, pose big dangers to sea mammals, whether they be abundant bottlens dolphins or endangered right whales. Collisions occur. Explosives and polluting discharges make trouble. And evidence is mounting that sonar, which Navy vessels use to detect underwater threats and navigate, may cause some whales to beach themselves, often with fatal results.

Aboard research vessels and in laboratories, scientists have spent decades collecting data on many of the same sea creatures the Navy sometimes harms. They are gaining insights to the migration routes and rituals of many species. They know how water temperature, nutrition levels, the routes of the shifting Gulf Stream, even the shape of the sea floor can influence where animals are likely to go.

Using computer power and mathematics formulas, Duke biologist Andy Read and seascape ecologist Pat Halpin want to combine the best of what's known about the animals to predict where they'll be and when. Neither expects perfect forecasts, but they believe they can help the Navy better understand what's occupying waters stretching from Maine to Mexico.

The federal Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funded this research project, along with another project focused on waters off the West Coast, to help the Navy comply with laws such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act, Hastings said. That law, with some exceptions, prohibits people from harassing, hunting or killing

The East Cost project will cost \$590,000, spent over at least three years. When the project was announced in 2002, it declared its "first priority" as finding a way to deal with risks to whates post poly sonar. Sound waves from sonar are suspected of causing problems for whales, perhaps damaging their hearing somehow or causing them to rise to the surface to quickly and get the bends.

## U.S.-led forces bust fishing boat carrying \$30M in hashish

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — U.S.-led naval forces raided a fishing boat in the northern Arabian Sea carrying 2.6 tons of hashish valued at an estimated \$30 million, the U.S. military said Monday.

Sunday's seizure of the drugs and vessel, a traditional dhow named al-Zahidi, followed coordination between British and U.S. forces, the Bahrain-based U.S. 5th Fleet said in a myss pelease 44Drugs are often very directly related to the means of getting money for terrorist organizations, so that is why we also track drug-smuggling dhows.

German Rear Adm. Henning Hoops multinational task force commander

British frigate HMS Grafton started tracking the dhow Saturday and contacted American guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill which sent an SH-60B helicopter to intercept the vessel.

The exact location of the seizure was unclear, as was the nationality of the boat and crew. It was not known how many people

were detained from the dhow, on which was found 128 sealed packages containing a total of 2.6 million tons of hashish.

"Drugs are often very directly

money for terrorist organizations, so that is why we also track drug-smuggling dhows," said German Rear Adm. Henning Hoops, commander of the multinational task force.

USS Bunker Hill deployed Dec. 6 from its San Diego home port and is part of Commander, Task Force 150 that oversees security operations around the Horn of Africa, the North Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman

## IN THE WORLD

# Italy holds funeral for intel officer killed by U.S. fire

By Maria Sanminiatelli The Associated Press

ROME - Some 20,000 mourners paid their last respects Monday at a state funeral for an Italian intelligence officer killed by American troops in Iraq while escorting an ex-hostage to free-

Among those honoring Nicola Calipari in the Santa Maria degli Angeli Church were Premier Silvio Berlusconi. President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and other top officials, including U.S. Ambassador Mel Sembler and Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni.

An honor guard slowly carried the casket, draped with an Italian flag, into the church, where the crowd stood to applaud. In the front row, Calipari's widow, Rosa Maria, and relatives gripped each other's hands and dabbed away tears. Several mourners buried their faces in their hands. "He died as a hero, and I can-

free us," said Maurizio Agliana, one of four Italian security guards kidnapped in Iraq in

The 90-minute funeral was car-ried live on several TV stations, including Vatican television

Calipari's body had lain in state at Rome's Vittoriano monument after it was returned from Iraq on Saturday night, with tens of thousands of people streaming past the coffin.

"I think it's absurd that things are going this way in Iraq, when people die because of someone else's decision," said 30-year-old architect Giorgia Semprini, who was among thousands of people gathered quietly in the piazza outside the church

Journalist Giuliana Sgrena, the hostage whose life Calipari saved, said it was possible the car she and Calipari were riding in was targeted deliberately be-



The coffin of late Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari is shoulder-carried during his state funeral in Rome on Monday. Calipari was killed in Iraq when U.S. forces opened fire on the car he was traveling in with freed Italian hostage journalist Giuliana Sgrena on Friday.

cause the United States opposes Italy's policy of negotiating with kidnanners

Calipari was killed Friday when U.S. troops at a checkpoint fired at the car as it headed to the airport shortly after Sgrena's release. Sgrena, who was abducted Feb. 4 in Baghdad, was recovering in a Rome hospital from a shrappel wound to the shoulder.

The White House described the

shooting as a "horrific accident" and promised a full investigation. An autopsy was performed Sunday, and the Italian news agency ANSA quoted doctors as

saying he was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly. said Calipari died Sgrena

shielding her. She offered no eviouster dence to support her claim that the attack was deliberate, and in

an interview published in Mon-day's edition of the daily Corriere della Sera, she said she does not know what led to the attack.

The shooting has fueled anti-American sentiment in Italy, where a majority of people op-posed the war in Iraq and Berlusconi's decision to send 3.000 troops after Saddam Hussein's

Calipari was to be awarded a gold medal of valor for heroism



## Pullback of Syrian troops to be done by end of March

BY BASSEM MROUE

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria - The presidents of Syria and Lebanon on Monday announced that the withdrawal of Syrian troops to Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley would be completed by the end of March but deferred a final troop pullout until later negotiations.

The announcement, made after a meeting between Syrian President Bashar Assad and Lebanese President Emile Lahoud, said Syrian troops will pull back from northern and central Lebanon to the east, near Syria's border.

Following that redeployment, military officials from both countries will decide within a month on "the size and duration of the presence of the Syrian forces" in the Bekaa Valley and establish the relationship between these forces and Lebanese authorities.

"At the end of the agreed upon duration for the presence of Syrian forces," the announcement said, "the governments of Syria and Lebanon will agree on completion of the withdrawal of the remaining Syrian forces.

In Washington, a White House spokesman denounced the anouncement as "a half measure."

protesters gathered at the central Martyrs' Square to demand that Syria leave, more than double the crowds that attended a demonstration last week that led to the toppling of the pro-Syrian government last week.

Most waved Lebanon's distinctive red and white flag with a green cedar tree, chanting "Syria out!" and repeatedly singing Lebanon's national anthem.

Monday's demonstration marked three weeks since the Feb. 14 assassination of former premier Rafik Hariri that began a peaceful campaign against Syrian control, and the crowd later marched to the site of the bomb blast that also killed 17 others. Some in the crowd carried large photographs of Hariri. One group carried a banner that read,

Today we have one target: To lib

erate our land.' Shortly after the announce ment, five Syrian military trucks loaded with furniture headed east up the Lebanese mountains, apparently the first movement of the pullback. A jeep carrying a general also climbed the road toward the Dahr El-Baidar mountain pass that leads to the Bekaa according to an AP reporter and

other journalists in the area.

# **General: Taliban fighters switching sides**

## U.S. commander says 30 midlevel insurgents have 'turned themselves in' this year

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Thirty midlevel Taliban have turned themselves in to coalition forces this year, a top U.S. commander said Monday, predicting more will follow when the Afghan government announces a reconciliation program for followers of the hardline militia

Mai. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 U.S. commander in Afghanistan, did not identify the insurgents and said the coalition had no specific information on the whereabouts of top-level Taliban, including the supreme leader of the ousted Islamist regime, Mullah Omar

The 30 Taliban had "essentially turned

eastern province of Khost and the southern province of Kandahar during the past two months and had been handed over to Afghan authorities for reintegration into soci-

None had been detained, and one was now serving as a policeman, Olson said.

Olson was addressing a news conference at the end of his one-year term as chief of operations for the 17,000 U.S. forces hunt-ing Taliban and al-Qaida militants in Af-

Purported Taliban officials have rebuffed the U.S.-backed amnesty program - which is not open to the top echelon of the militia - and vowed to go on the offensive as the weather improves after a particularly harsh winter.

cells of mid- and low- level Taliban insurgents. Militant attacks against them had declined over the past year, from 10-15 per week in the spring 2004, to around five attacks weekly now - although he said insurgents could step up activity in the coming

"But it seems clear to us given the disjointed and uncoordinated effort that the Taliban has been able to launch, that ... [Mullah Omar] is not exercising effective command and control over Taliban operations in Afghanistan," Olson said.

After Osama bin Laden, Omar is one of the most wanted men by the United States. There has been no confirmed sighting of the militia leader since U.S.-backed forces

toppled the Taliban in late 2001 for harboring the al-Qaida leader.

According to news reports over the week-

end, three Taliban leaders who were arrested in Pakistan in recent months were handed over to U.S. officials last week. They reportedly included the leader of a Taliban splinter faction involved in the abductions late last year of three U.N. election workers in the Afghan capital.

Olsen confirmed that three Taliban leaders were "handed over in Pakistan." He said the three were not under coalition custody and that "we don't have the status of their current location." He did not name them.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry's spokesman Jalil Abbas Jilani, however, said, "We haven't handed over any new prisoners to the United States recently.

## Munch pieces stolen. found

BY DOUG MELLGREN The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway - Three stolen works of art by Edvard Munch were recovered Monday, police said, less than 24 hours after thieves pried them loose from the walls of an unscale restaurant in the second theft of the Norwegian master's work in less than seven months Iver Stensrud, of the Oslo po-

lice, also said several arrests had been made. He declined to be more specific or say what condition the stolen watercolor and two lithographs were in.

A 1915 watercolor called "Blue Dress" and two lithographs were stolen from the walls of the restau-

rant of the stately Refnes Hotel near the city of Moss, about 30 miles south of Oslo, late Sunday, Jan Ped-ersen, of the local police said by telephone

Pedersen said he could not estimate the value of the works. Munch expert and

auctioneer Knut Forsberg estimated the paintings' collective value at more than \$257,000, with "Blue Dress" being the most valuable because it is

"It's a big deal in Norway, but it's not exactly a world sensa-tion," Forsberg said.

hotel worker went into pieces stolen Sunday and the restaurant at about recovered Monday. 11 p.m. Sunday night and surprised two people who



the Oslo police about it," Peders-

ly charged painting style that was of great importance in the birth of

the 20th-century Expressionist movement. He died in 1944 at the

The hotel's owner, Widar Salbu-

vik, said the works were part of a 400-piece collection, including an-

other four by Munch, displayed in the restaurant. The hotel itself

is part of an estate that was built

The hotel is on the island of Je-loey, where Munch lived and worked from 1913 until 1916,

He said the works are not as fa-mous as "The Scream" or "Ma-donna," but he added that they

The hotel has an alarm system.

well-known to collectors

when he moved to Oslo.

and Munch aficionados

Munch developed an emotional-

A police officer collects evidence outside a hotel near Moss, southern Norway, on Monday, Three works by famous artist Edvard Munch were stolen from the hotel Sunday.

"They dropped one, and broke the frame and glass, but took the picture." Pedersen said

were described as being in their 20s of medium height and having dark

It was the sec and such theft of Munch paintings in the Nordic country in less than seven months.
In August, the

artist's masterpiec-"The Scream and "Madonna," were stolen in a brazen daylight raid from an Oslo armed

"There are no grounds for assum-

but it was not turned on since the hotel had not vet closed for the museum by three robbers and have yet to be recovered.

"It seems to be a fashion among criminals to steal Munch," Salbu-vik told state radio NRK. "How professional is it to steal art? Great value, big risk and hard to sell. They would have to be very slow in the head to do it."

## Nigerian police rescue 52 'slave' children from shipping container

A police spokesman

said authorities

were looking into

whether there were

plans to sell some

The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria - Dozens of filthy and exhausted children, some as young as 1, cowered in a Nigerian police station Monday after authorities discovered them packed into a fishmonger's truck in what police called a foiled at-tempt by child-traffickers to hire the youngsters out as servants or even sell them as slaves.

Police arrested woman accomnanying the 52 children Saturday in Lagos Nigeria's largest city, after ered them in a container on a truck that nor-

into slaveru. mally trans-ports fish to market, said Lagos state police spokesman Ademola Adebayo.

On Monday, the youngsters sat on wooden benches in a concrete room at an inner city police station in Lagos. Several had no clothes, while others wrapped themselves in soiled lengths of cloth Officials said they were working to reunite the children with family members. The chil-

dren didn't speak to reporters. The arrested woman, Fatima Baha, told police she had brought the children from Makwa town in northern Nigeria's Niger state to

Lagos to hire them out as domestic servants said Adebayo According to her, she would get a fee for hiring out the children," he said, adding that police

were investigating Baba's claim that the children's families had consented the arrange-

ment, and would be paid when the children returned after a year's work Five of the

children were age 1 to 5. The oldest were 14.

Α spokesman in the capital, Abuja, said authorities were looking into whether there were plans to sell

some into slavery.

Police officials said Baba and the driver would be charged only

after further investigation. Twelve adults who shared the

container with the children are also being detained, said Adebayo Other police officials said earli-er that 60 children were rescued

and that they were discovered

#### Report: N. Korea children still malnourished

BEIJING - Malnutrition among North Korean children has fallen, but more than a third still don't have enough food and the country needs substantial aid to get through 2005, U.N. agencies said

The number of malnourished or stunted North Korean children under 6 has dropped to 37 percent, compared with 42 percent in 2002, according to a survey by the World Food Program and UNICEE

It found that children with acute malnutrition fell from 9 percent to 7 percent

"Food aid has worked," Richard Ragan, director of the WFP's operations in the North, said at a news conference in Beijing. "Now is not the time to back off from it."

The study assessed 4,800 children under 6 and 2,109 mothers with children under 2.

From The Associated Press

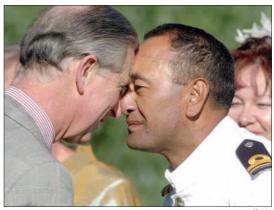


Munch's "Rlue Dress" Pedersen said a was one of the three

ing any connection between the had removed the pictures from thefts, but we will be talking to Wednesday, March 9, 2005 · STARS AND STRIPES · 第3種郵便物認可 J PAGE 11

#### No wool over Prince Charles' eyes





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Left: Britain's Prince Charles wields steal-bladed shears, which resemble large scissors, to cut the coat of a Merino sheep. He is assisted by former world champion shearer Peter Casserley at Moutere Station in Alexandra, Central Otago, on Monday. Prince Charles is in New Zealand for a five-day visit.

Above: Prince Charles greets Lt. Tamahou Ripia with hongis, a traditional Maori welcome that involves pressing noses, upon his arrival at Government House, Wellington, New Zealand, on Monday. New Zealand, a former British colony, recognizes Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as its monarch. Prince Charles was due to spend Tuesday on official duties in Wellington, then two days in the northern city of Auckland before leaving on Thursday to visit Fiji and then returning to Britain.



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## IN THE STATES

# **U.** of Colorado chief to resign amid scandals

By JON SARCHE The Associated Press

DENVER - University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman announced Monday that she is re-signing amid a football recruiting scandal and a national controversy over an activist professor who compared victims of the Sept. 11. 2001, attacks to a Nazi,

Hoffman, who has been president for five years, told the Board of Regents in a letter that her resignation is effective June 30 or whenever the board names a suc-

"It appears to me it is in the university's best interest that I remove the issue of my future from the debate so that nothing inhibits CU's ability to successfully create the bright future it so deserves,' Hoffman wrote

An independent commission re-



University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman announced Monday that she will resign.

Just last week, a grand jury said two female trainers alleged they were sexually assaulted by an assistant coach and that a "slush fund" was created with money from coach Gary Barnett's football camp, according to a report leaked to the media.

The grand jury, which finished meeting Aug. 19, handed up a sin-gle indictment accusing a former football recruiting aide of soliciting a prostitute for himself and misusing a school-issued cell

A review of Churchill's speeches and writings is being conducted to determine if the professor overstepped his boundaries of academic freedom and whether that ould be grounds for dismissal

## Supreme Court limits secrecy in tax cases

BY HOPE YEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Su preme Court eliminated some of the secrecy faced by Americans taking tax disputes to the U.S. Tax Court, ruling Monday that factual recommendations in the proceedings must be disclosed.

While the official opinions of the tax court are made public. people are not allowed to see recommendations by specially ap-pointed judges who hold trials in cases involving more than \$50,000, and who also write de-

tailed reports In a 7-2 decision, the court said that was wrong, finding it to be a violation of tax court rules. It noted that initial findings made by magistrate and bankruptcy judges in other proceedings are open.

In other decisions, the Supreme Court:

Voted 5-3 to limit federal

judges' sentencing power, ruling that judges may examine only plea agreements or defendants admissions regarding prior con-victions, not other evidence,

when tacking on prison time.

Ruled 8-1 that two Ohio prison inmates may file federal civil rights complaints in an effort to get parole hearings denied them by the state.

■ Agreed to consider whether Volvo Trucks North America Inc.'s wholesale pricing policies discriminated against a retailer.

Said it will decide whether

two Arizona miners may sue federal officials for personal injuries following a roof collapse at a cop-per mine that left them paralyzed.

■ Declined to consider whether a black truck driver, Tyrone Williams, who is accused in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants, was improperly singled out for a possible death sentence because of his race

ported last year that Colorado players used sex, alcohol and mar-

And in February, administra-

tors took the first steps toward a possible dismissal of professor Ward Churchill, who likened

World Trade Center victims to

"I've taken my future off the

table so to some extent I can

focus my attention on issues that

face the university and not on my personal future," Hoffman said in

She cited the upcoming trial of

a civil lawsuit that stemmed from

Regent Michael Carrigan de-clined to comment on her resigna-

At least nine women have said

they were assaulted by Colorado

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the football recruiting scandal.

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an interview

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., center, walks arm in arm with other members of Congress on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., on Sunday to mark the 40th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march. From left are Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.; Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif.; Lewis; Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.: Rep. Arthur Davis, D-Ala., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

## Lawmakers mark historic Selma rights march

SELMA, Ala. - Rep. John Lewis returned to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, 40 years after he braved billy clubs and tear gas in one of the grimmest, goriest spectacles of the civil rights movement.

"President Johnson signed that act, but it was written by the people of Selma," said Lewis, who was clubbed on the head during the "Bloody Sunday" attack on marchers by state troopers and sheriff's deputies on March 7, 1965. He was among 17 blacks hospitalized as that march was turned back while crossing the bridge.

Participants also included singer Harry Belafonte, who was at the demonstration 40 years ago, and Coretta Scott King, whose husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., led a second march two

weeks later to the state Capitol. Police estimated the crowd at nearly 10,000. A re-enactment of the five-day march is planned this week, culminating with a rally at the Capitol on Saturday.

Certain provisions of the Voting Rights Act, such as the use of federal examiners and a requirement for Justice Department approval of election law changes. will be up for renewal by Congress in 2007

#### III. tsunami victim's remains found EVANSTON, Ill. - The remains of a 33-year-old

Illinois man who died in the South Asian tsunami have been found in Thailand, his family said. Ben Abels was vacationing on the island of Phi

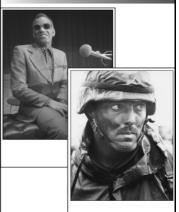
Phi when his beachside bungalow was inundated

with water Dec. 26. Abels had been missing since

On Saturday, Abels' family said his remains were identified and are being returned. Todd Musburger, a family spokesman, said a private burial is planned this week.

From The Associated Press

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# Calif. lawmakers may put lid on high-speed chases

## Other states boost penalty

BY DON THOMPSON

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Calif - On any given day somewhere in California, a television station helicopter flies low with its camera trained on a speeding car that pinballs through freeway traffic with police cars in hot pursuit.

It's a staple of television news and police procedure that is increasingly ending in death and se-

According to the California Highway Patrol, the number of chases grew from 5,895 in 2001 to 7,171 in 2003, the last three-year period for which statistics are available.

Fifty-one people died as a result of these pursuits in 2003: 18 of the dead were not involved in the pursuit, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Texas had 33 pursuit deaths in 2003, including nine innocents: North Carolina had 23 deaths, eight of them uninvolved motorists, and Florida had 21 deaths, just one of an innocent

Florida and Mississippi last year enacted laws boosting penalties for fleeing drivers, similar to what California law enforcement groups are proposing this year as the Legislature attempts to deal with the issue

#### Police chases risky

More than 1,000 suspects and bystanders were killed in police chases in California since 1982 an average of 49.3 each year from 1982 to 2003.

Police pursuit injuries in California



Suspects Public Police Police pursuit deaths, 2003



SOURCES: National Highway Traffic All Safety Administration; Calif. Highway Patrol

A bipartisan group of legislators is pushing a proposal that would include penalties for police who recklessly pursue drivers.

"I want something that is actually going to save lives," said state Sen. Sam Aanestad, who sponsored a failed bill last year that would have limited police immunity in accidents from high-speed

"Probably the worst way to catch someone is by chasing them."

Law enforcement will adamant-

ly oppose stripping away officers' legal immunity, said California State Sheriff's Association Legislative Director Nick Warner and California Police Chiefs Association President Bill Brown

Since 1987, police have had what a state appeals court in 2002 termed a "get-out-of-liability-free" law even if police violate their own department's pursuit

policy. "We have been challenged by the court of appeals: 'You, Legislature, go back and fix this," said Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, who is teaming with Agnestad in a reform effort

But Brown, the police chief in Lompoc the last 10 years, said ending police immunity would "pass the liability on to the police and ultimately to the taxpayer, rather than to the individual who is really responsible.

It also would encourage suspects to flee, Brown said.

Aanestad is naming his bill after 15-year-old Kristie Priand of Chico, who was killed in 2002 when her family's minivan was struck by an unlicensed 15-year-old who was fleeing police after taking her mother's car without permission.

The victim's mother, Candy Priargues that there was no need for a pursuit because police knew where the driver lived

"I blame the people who flee. (But) people who flee do not care about anyone's safety, so the burden of protecting innocent bystanders by necessity falls on the police," Priano said in a state-

## 11 of 13 small cars flunk institute's side-impact testing

The Chevrolet

Cobalt and the

earned the

rating of

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN The Associated Press

DETROIT - The Dodge Neon, Ford Focus and Volkswagen's New Beetle are among the small cars that got the lowest safety rating in new side-impact crash tests performed by an independent, nonprofit orga-

nization.

Eleven of the

13 cars tested

earned a "poor.

the lowest of four ratings, the Touota Corolla Insurance Institute for Highway Safety said. The Chevrolet second-highest Cobalt and the Tovota Corolla earned the sec-"acceptable," but ond-highest rat-ing of "accept-able," but only when they were only when they were tested with tested with their their optional optional side air They bags. earned ' side air bags. 'poor

ratings without

the air bags. Other vehicles that earned a 'poor" rating were the Hyundai Elantra Kia Spectra Mazda 3 Mitsubishi Lancer, Nissan Sentra, Saturn Ion, Suzuki Forenza and Suzuki Aerio. The results

were released Sunday. The institute's test simulates a severe crash. A barrier designed to resemble the front of a pickup or sport utility vehicle hits the side of the vehicle at 31 mph. A "poor" rating means a high chance of serious injury in

Four of the vehicles tested the Elantra, New Beetle, Forenza and Spectra - have standard, head-protecting side air bags. But the institute's chief operating officer, Adrian Lund, said the cars had poor structure that failed to prevent injuries to the

torso and pelvis. Several of the vehicles offer optional side air hags but the intest those vehicles without side air bags unless the manufacture er provides a second vehicle with the option in-stalled.

Toyota Motor Co. provided the Corolla with side air bags and General Motors Corp. provided the Cobalt and Saturn Ion. But

even when it was tested with its optional side air bags, the Ion got a "poor" rating because the institute said it didn't adequately protect the driver's lower body.

The institute was most critical of the Neon, saying the car performed so poorly that the driver likely wouldn't have survived the crash. DaimlerChrysler AG defended the Neon, saying it meets federal safety standards and its performance is similar to other small cars



The Dodge Neon, shown in this Insurance Institute for Highway Safety photo, was the most criticized of the 13 small cars tested by the nonprofit. Eleven of the cars that were entered in new side-impact crash tests received a rating of "poor."

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#### Toxic waste tanker still worries Utah officials

SALT LAKE CITY - Crews early Monday finished pumping toxic waste from a leaking rail tanker car that triggered the evacuation of 6,000 people, but they still don't know exactly what they're dealing

Early Monday, residents were back in their home, the cleanup was under way and most of the closed highways nearby were about to be re-

The area downwind of the leak was evacuated Sunday because of fumes from the spill, Fire Chief Steve Foote said. Officials were angered that they could not pin down what was in the tank. The information they were given conflicted with their own observations.

The tanker car's manifest said it was sulfuric and hydrofluoric acids; the company told them it was hydrochloric, hydrofluoric, nitric and sulfuric acids. Late Sunday, the company corrected itself, saying the contents were phosphoric, acetic, sulfuric and hydrofluoric acids, and ammonia - all at a concentration of only 10 percent.

From The Associated Press

# South Beach Diet researchers help to develop school menus

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER

The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Nine-year-old Kelly Ferrer no longer gets the waffles, pancakes and sugar cereals that she loved eating for breakfast last year at Mill Creek Elementary School's cafeteria.

This year, instead, she is served whole wheat bread, low-fat cheese and fruit as part of a study by a research center founded by Dr. Arthur Agatston, the author of "The South Beach Diet."

The goal of the study at six schools in this Orlando suburb is to evaluate whether school cafeterias are capable of serving more nutritious ingredients, if kids will eat them and whether students' health improves from better eating.

The program underscores growing concerns across the nation about childhood obesity. The National Institutes of Health estimates that about one out of five U.S. children are obese, a problem that may lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

"We're not putting the children on The South Beach Diet," said Danielle Hollar, deputy director of research at the Agastson Research Institute. "We're trying to provide healthier options for these children and in the long run we hope they learn to eat healthier and incorporate that into their daily living."

Although the 3,000 students involved in the study haven't been put on the low-carb diet per se, many of the diet's guiding principles have been incorporated into school menus.

White bread and white flour products have been stricken and replaced with whole-wheat products. White potatoes were replaced with sweet potatoes. French fries were abolished. Grilled chicken replaced breaded chicken. Fruits have taken the place of sweets for desserts.

Students at the beginning of the school year were weighed, their height measured and their blood pressure and pulse recorded. Those same measurements will be taken in April. The institute has paid for the \$10.000 extra cost.



Nine-year-old Kelly Ferrer sips her low-fat chocolate milk during lunch at Mill Creek Elementary School in Kissimmee, Fla. The school is one of six taking part in a study by a research center founded by Dr. Arthur Azatston. the author of "The South Beach Diet."

"It was a little bit slow catching on but now the students seem to be enjoying the meals," said Jean Palmore, food service director for the Oscola County School District, home of the six schools in the study. Four of the schools have changed their menus and the other two were being used as controls with unchanged menus.

But some critics always will be difficult to please.
"I want to go back to the old menu," said fourth-grader Ferrer as she munched on a ham-and-cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread, canned corn and a carrot and pea mix at Mill Creek Elementary School. "We had better food last year."

### **Drug-coated stents open possibilities**

Tiny metal scaffolds that prop open arteries and are drug-coated has transformed heart treatment. Nearly nine out of 10 stents used in the United States now are drug-coated.



# Drug-coated stents could prevent bypass surgery

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — New research comparing rival brands of drug-coated, tiny mesh tubes called stents finds they are equally excellent at keeping heart arteries open, and that one may be bet-

ter for diabetics.
These devices, which slowly leach medication into blood vessels to keep them from squeezing shut after procedures to remove blockages, have revolutionized heart care so much in the last few years that studies now are aimed at finding which ones work best for which patients — not whether they work at 10 medical process.

They are vastly better than the plain old metal stents that were standard just a few years ago. Results on the new ones are so good that more patients are being successfully treated with them and avoiding a more drastic alternative—heart bypass surgery.

Two are on the market — Boston Scientific Corp.'s Taxus stent, and Cypher, made by Cordis Corp., a Johnson & Johnson com-

Natick, Mass.-based Boston Scientific Corp.'s Taxus stent was approved last year.

"Both devices have made remarkable progress" in treating neart disease, said Dr. Gregg Stone, a cardiologist at Columbia University Medical Center, who was not involved in the comparison studies.

New studies on stents were presented Sunday at an America. College of Cardiology conference in Orlando. They showed that beneffs apparently last for years, and that even very big blockages in very small vessels — some nearly two inches long — can be fixed with such stents, sometimes using overlapping ones.

The devices work so well that when an older stent clogs, it's better to put a new drug-coated one inside it than to treat the problem with radiation as has been done in the past, one study found.

Competitors also are being developed that could help cut the price of these devices. One novel type even dissolves in the body once its job is done.

"It's looking very good," Dr. Gerald Fletcher, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist, said of the evidence for drug-coated stents. "The benefit is going to be substantial in the long term."

Clogged arteries can cause a heart attack. One solution is open-heart bypass surgery, in which blood vessels from elsewhere in the body are used to create detours around blockages.

## Study: Aspirin cuts stroke risk in women

By Marilynn Marchione
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Middle-age women can cut their risk of strokes but not heart attacks by regularly taking low doses of aspirin, and the pills help prevent both problems in women 65 and older, a major study found.

The results are opposite what is known about aspirin in men, where its benefit for stroke is limited and its ability to prevent heart problems is legendary. Since women proportionately suffer more strokes and men more heart attacks, this is generally good news, specialists said.

Researchers also found that taking vitamin E did no good for women of any age, confirming a study last fall that concluded supplements of this nutrient could even be harmful.

The new information comes from the Women's Health Study, the first rigorous, scientific test of whether long-term use of aspirin or vitamin E made a difference in cardiovascular risk in females.

Previous research has been almost exclusively in males.

Findings were reported Monday at an American College of Cardiology meeting in Orlando. They also were being published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the March 31 mint edition.

The study has "major public health implications," said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which funded the research with the National Cancer Institute. "In contrast to men, aspirin did not reduce the risk of nonfatal or fatal heart attacks in women of all ages but did so in women over age 65," she said. The study was led by Julie Buring, Dr. Paul Ridk-

er and others at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Many have been consultants to aspirin makers, but the companies did not run the federally funded study. Bayer Healthcare supplied aspirin for it and the Natural Source Vitamin E Association supplied that nutrient.

In the study, 40,000 female health professionals 45 and older were randomly assigned to take either fake pills or 100 milligrams of aspirin — slightly more than the 81-milligram "baby aspirin" pills commonly sold — every other day.

After 10 years, aspirin users had a 17 percent lower risk of stroke, and a 24 percent lower risk of strokes caused by blood clots, owing, researchers believe, to aspirin's well-known anti-clotting properties.

Women 65 and older got even more benefit: They were 30 percent less likely to have a stroke caused by a blood clot and 34 percent less likely to suffer a heart attack.

Aspirin's benefits were greatest for nonsmokers and former smokers, and didn't vary among women who did or did not use hormones after menopause.

The study "demonstrates the importance of studying medical therapies among women as well as men." Buring said. "We finally have the evidence base needed for women to make rational decisions about the use of aspirin in preventing cardiovascular disease."



# Pet reindeer is star attraction in Anchorage

By RACHEL D'ORG

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Albert Whitehead likes to take his pet reindeer on a regular stroll through downtown Anchorage. The sight, which produces giggles and stares in Alaska's largest city, has endured for more than 40 years by a long line of reindeer, all females named Star

"My, aren't you charming?" a passer-by gushed as the animal, named Star VI, snuffled the air in search of the homemade bread Whitehead carries in his pockets during their jaunts.

Besides Star's downtown excursions, she participates in parades, visits schools and pulls youngsters on sleds. In fact, all the Stars have been big on civic

"That's not something you see every day," Russ Widener, of Syracuse, N.Y., said a few blocks away as he snapped a photograph then moved in for a closer look at the frisky 4-year-old reindeer.

Whitehead helped care for Star's predecessors, and he said the current reindeer is probably the friendliest of them all - having been raised exclu-

sively by humans after being abandoned by her mother at birth.

Star VI was born in April 2001 at a reindeer farm north of Anchorage. Her young mother never connected with the fawn, which was initially named Noel by the previous owner. Because of her tenuous beginning, Star is rather petite — standing 41/2-feet tall, a half-foot shorter than average for her age

A pet reindeer may raise a few eyebrows, but the tradition began in 1962 when Anchorage pioneers Oro and Ivan Stewart got the first Star from a Native reindeer herder. As with every subsequent Star, the reindeer had a little tuft of white on her forehead

Whitehead, a young soldier stationed at Fort Richardson, had befriended the Stewarts by that time, sometimes helping out at their downtown camera

He left the state, but returned a decade later with a family of his own. Whitehead also resumed his friendship with the Stewarts, which involved walking Star I - outings that are still vivid in the memory of Whitehead's son.

"Growing up with deer was really cool," said Bryan Whitehead, 35. "I don't know how it would be like not to have one.



ert Whitehead walks his pet reindeer Star VI across the Park Strip in downtown Anchorage, Alaska,

## Connecticut man charged after helping terminally ill ex-Marine commit suicide

The Associated Pres.

CORNWALL, Conn. -- Any of the dozen friends caring for John T. Welles could have been there the morning that the 66-year-old decided to take his life.

Welles, a fiercely independent former Marine and inventor, had not een a doctor in decades and did not know he had prostate cancer until three weeks before killing himself on June 11, 2004.

Those caring for him said he made no secret of his plans.

Now, 74-year-old Huntington Williams is charged with manslaughter for helping fulfill his dying friend's wish. The case has galvanized residents in Connecticut's bucolic northwest corner, even though legalizing physician-assisted suicide doesn't seem on the state's horizon.

"Hunt just happened to be there at the time. I don't think anybody would have wanted to trade places with him," said Cornwall official Gordon Ridgway. "They can go beyond what happened in five minutes to realize Mr. Welles was critically ill, that it was his wish to die on his own terms and not become a vegetable, and that Hunt was there to help him.

If convicted, Williams faces up to 10 years in prison. He was next expected in court on Friday.

Though there are no statistics on assisted suicide, the issue has sparked a legal debate nationally. In the past five years, people in Michigan, Maryland, South Carolina, Wisconsin and Rhode Island have been charged with helping

friends or relatives kill themselves In Oregon, the only state where doctor-assisted suicide is legal, 171 terminally ill people have died after taking lethal doses of medication. The Bush administration has challenged the law, which has so far been upheld by federal courts. The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the case.

of 1,300, have rallied to support Will-iams. Connecticut has not considered legalizing physician-assisted suicide, but a state lawmaker has introduced a bill that would allow probation in assisted suicide cases

The morning Welles died, Williams relieved a friend who had spent the night with the dving man

"John needs to do this. Are you able to do this with him?" the friend asked Williams according to an affidavit

Williams, a volunteer emergency medical technician and retired high school teacher, had watched his wife, Rebecca, die of ovarian cancer a decade ago. He replied that he could "honor John's wishes."
He cleaned Welles' .38-caliber re-

volver and carried it outside.

Smoking a pipe and leaning on a walker, Welles headed to the front yard. The men shook hands and Will-

ams walked down the driveway.

Before Williams could say "God bless," he heard a gunshot.

#### Boeing ousts CEO over affair

CHICAGO - Boeing Co. abruptly forced out its president and chief executive officer, Harry Stonecipher, for what the company said Monday was a violation of the company's code of business conduct stemming from a relationship the married, 68-year-old Stonecipher had with a female Boeing executive.

Stonecipher is the second CEO to depart the airplane maker and defense contractor in disgrace in the past 15 months. His predecessor, Phil Condit, resigned Dec. 1, 2003, as a result of the defense contracting scandals.

#### Physicist Bethe dies

ITHACA, N.Y. — Hans Bethe, one of the last of the gi-ants of 20th-century physics, who played a pivotal role in designing the first atomic bomb and won a Nobel Prize for figuring out how the sun and other stars gen-erate energy, died Sunday at 98.

During World War II, he was a key figure in the building of the first atomic bomb as head of the Manhat-tan Project's theoretical physics division at Los Alam-

#### III. tsunami victim's remains found

EVANSTON, Ill. — The remains of a 33-year-old Illi-nois man who died in the Asian tsunami have been found in Thailand, his family said

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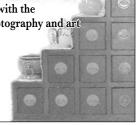
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## Warning: Labels are more serious than they appear

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clear when it

warns "do not

use for a

BY JOSE MARTINEZ New York Daily News

NEW YORK - You've been warned - no matter how ridiculous that warning might appear. On dog treats, toilet seats, scoot-

ers and almost every product imaginable, companies are pro tecting themselves from lawsuits

or just plain clueless consumwith a never-ending supply

of disclaimers Take, for instance, the label tagged onto a sporty children's uuuct moves when used." product

whelming majority of consumers would, you can only hope, react with a "Well, duh" to that revelation, companies aren't taking any chanc-

baby wipe." So male users of certain prescription drugs are urged to "contact your doctor" if they're somehow afflicted with a four-hour erection - and not the "Guinness Book of World

Records 5 And buyers of the Hartz Meaty Knuckle Bones are reminded that the tasty treat is "not for human consumption" - just in case that picture of the pooch on the front the package isn't warning

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"My all-time favorite has to be the warning on the drill that says, 'Warning: Not intended for use as a dental drill.' " said Robert Dori-

go Jones, president of Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch. The watchdog group annually conducts a wacky warning labels contest to draw attention to how fear of litigation has led American companies to call for caution

among consumers when common sense used to be

enough. This year's winner was a toilet brush that warns "DO NOT USE FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE.

"Um, I really don't think I need to be told that," said Renee Perez. 47, of Manhattan, But obviously

there does, since the New York Daily News found these no-brainers on city store shelves:

■ Those black-rubber fishing worms certainly look tasty to gull-ible fish. But there's a "Not for human consumption" warning just in case humans develop an appetite for them.

■ The instructions order users of Depend adult diapers to "step into underwear and pull them o just like regular underwear handy illustration of the feet-first technique is added. Well, that settles that. Now no normal adult will ever think of slipping diapers on over the head.

■ A package of "Furniture Wipes" wants to make more than clear when it warns "do not use for a baby wipe."

Never mind that the plastic piggy bank is 8 inches long and about as wide as a human thigh— it still merits being labeled a choking hazard. Perhaps for a large-mouthed animal with refined reading skills?



Astronaut George Zamka sits Thursday at NASA's neutral buoyancy lab in Houston. Zamka has been an astronaut for almost seven years, but is one of the 46 astronauts who have yet to fly in space.

# In the waiting line

## A third of NASA's astronauts have never traveled to space, and some may have to wait another decade

BY PAM EASTON The Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston -George Zamka has been an astro naut for almost seven years and he still hasn't made it to space. But he's far from alone.

Grounded for two years, a third of the nation's nearly 150 astronauts have never flown in space. and some wonder when they will

"Part of being at NASA is very few people get to fly in space," Zamka said. "Everyone else gets their enjoyment by contributing to the space mission.

The last class of astronauts has already been warned that it's un clear whether any of them will fly during the shuttle era - which ends in five years. All face an uncertain future and development of the next-generation space vehicle could take until 2010.

"They knew very well that they arrived at the sunset of the shuttle and the dawn of the new vehicle and they may be exposed to the gap in between the two," Zamka said of the newest class of astronauts. "For the last classes, there has been an effort made to make sure they are informed as to what the wait may be like. And they come anyway.

Forty-six of the nation's 142 as-tronauts have not flown in space: some of them are rookies, others have waited for years.

Zamka didn't think his wait

would be so long. He expects to be assigned to a flight in another two years and hopes to fly within the next four. By that time, he'll have waited a decade

Zamka tries not to focus on it and says it only crosses his mind when he's idle.

"We are not stewing over here because we are not flying," he said. "We are all busy trying to get back to flying. We all turn our selves to the task at hand and that is how we deal with it.

Shuttle missions have been halted since the Columbia accident two years ago that killed all seven crew members. May is the target for the next shuttle flight, but even that is a tentative date.

Virtually all astronauts are intimately involved in the shuttle improvements which include the ability to make repairs in space.

"The focus is very heavily on the astronauts and the crew, because they are going to have to ac-tually go out and do this," astro-naut Pam Melroy said of the in-orbit repairs.

Almost everyone in the astro-



Astronaut Andy Thomas, left works with astronaut Soichi Noguchi before a space walk training exercise in the neutral buoyancy lab at Johnson Space Center Oct. 1. Thomas is slated to fly his first space mission in May.

naut office is involved with re-turn-to-flight in some way. The training, studying and additional work have been relentless, the astronauts say.

Those who aren't in a shuttle crew are assigned a variety of return-to-flight tasks and research on the development of a new space vehicle and President Bush's moon-to-Mars plan outlined last year.

NASA would like to get a few

more flights out of its three aged shuttles — built on 30-year-old technology — before they are phased out in 2010.

Once the shuttles are retired, it could take until 2015 for NASA to have a new vehicle ready to go.

"People are not shirking that opportunity just because there is a wait in front of them," Zamka said. "This is a wonderful opportu-nity to be in the line or the window to fly in space at some time."

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## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day Money resources for women

#### Knight Ridder News Service

Women have a variety of resources available when looking for financial information, particularly on the Internet.

Several Web sites offer financial information tailored to women, offering advice on everything from retirement planning to taxes.

Here is a sampling of some of the sites with good financial information

■ BlueSuitMom.com, www.bluesuitmom.com/money Serves up an array of financial subjects important to women.

■ MsMoney.com, (www.msmoney.com) Features investment strategies, loan and credit information and more.

■ Women's Finance. (www.womens-finance.com) Covers a host of topics, from bud-

geting to taxes and investing. ■ Women's Institute for Financial Education (www.wife.org/money-invest)

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# Stewart back to work, without ankle bracelet



During a meeting with her staff Monday at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. in New York, Martha Stewart holds up the poncho, crocheted by a fellow inmate, that she wore as she left the women's federal prison in Alderson, W.Va.

BY SARA KUGLER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A beaming Martha Stewart returned to work on Monday, blowing a kiss and waving as she arrived to speak to cheering employees.

After five months in prison and a week end spent more comfortably at her 153-acre suburban estate Stewart spoke to staff at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. in Manhattan, as mem-

bers of the media looked on. "All of you are my heroes," Stewart told the crowd.

With barely a pause since she was released from a federal women's prison in Alderson, W.Va., on

Friday. Stewart addressed a staff diminished by layoffs in her absence. Although her company's stock has recovered from its low following her conviction, its price has fallen roughly 19 percent since her release early Friday - wiping away more than \$300 million in the company's market capitalization

In trading Monday afternoon, shares of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia fell \$2.90, or 9.4 percent, to \$27.85 on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has traded in a 52-week range of \$8.25 to \$37.45.

"It's really wonderful to be back. I've missed you, as you can imagine. I've thought about you every single day," Stew-

The several hundred employees gave Stewart a standing ovation and applauded several other times as she spoke.

Stewart, 63, said she had had "the tre-

mendous privilege" of meeting a cross-sec-

44It's really wonderful to be back I've missed you, as you can imagine.

I've thought about you every single day. **Martha Stewart** 

> tion of people in prison and "learned a great deal about our country."

Dressed in a fashionable black suit, Stewart held up the gray and white poncho she wore when she left prison on Friday. She said it did not come from a fancy store but was crocheted by a fellow inmate

"The night before I left she handed me this ... and said, 'Wear it in good health,' " Stewart said. "I hope she is reading the news and looking at television because I'm so proud of her.

She also poked fun at her reputation as a perfectionist and promised to share credit with her employees in the future.

"I don't always do all of my own ironing even though I wish that I could. I love iron-ing." she said. "What I want everybody to know is that I have been supported all of these years by all of you. ... I am extremely proud of each and every one of you. Investors, counting on a positive bounce

from Stewart's return, have bid up her company's stock to triple the level it was when she was convicted on March 5, 2004, of lying about a stock

> Still the company is struggling. Last week, it reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$7.3 million, compared with a profit

of \$2.4 million for the same period a year earlier — reflecting continued declining magazine advertising revenues and the hiatus of its syndicat-

ed daily cooking show starring Stewart. Stewart will have to make some adjustments in her new working life. She will be answering to a new chief ex-

ecutive and president, Susan Lyne, who replaced longtime confidante Sharon Patrick last November. Lyne greeted Stewart with a hug before the speech.

She also will eventually be required to show up to work with an electronic ankle bracelet under the terms of her five-month home detention. She was not wearing one at her appearance on Monday.

## Accuser's brother called to testify at Jackson trial

BY TIM MOLLOY The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA Calif - The younger brother of Michael Jack-

son's accuser told the jury in the child molestation trial Monday that Jackson showed him and his brother Internet sex sites during a visit to



ranch in which they slept on his bed and the pop star slept on the floor.

The account by the 14-year-old boy added to confusion about the prosecution's timeline of the case. however.

The hove' sister testified earlier that her brothers slept in Jackson's room during their first night to Neverland. The new witness said he and his brother slept with their father on their first night there and slept in Jackson's room

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting the then-13-year-old boy a cancer survivor — at Neverland, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the family captive in 2003

It was unclear when the visit involving the alleged Internet viewing and shared bedroom occurred

The brother said that first they looked at the Internet and then watched episodes of "The Sim-

"Michael told us not to tell no one what we did - not to tell our parents what we did," he testi-

The brother said that Jackson's assistant Frank Tyson and Jackson's children Prince Michael and Paris also were present.

The boy said that at one point while looking at an image of a woman's breasts Jackson joked, 'Got milk?'

He said at another point Jackson whispered in the ear of his sleeping son. Using a vulgar term for female anatomy, Jackson al-legedly said, "You're missing

The brother fidgeted with his hands as he testified and acknowledged during questioning by District Attorney Tom Sneddon that he was nervous.

The boy also testified that Jack-son gave him the security code to enter his bedroom without setting off an alarm and that he later acquired another code for all the locks at Neverland from a securi-

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. contends the boys used the codes to run amok at Neverland and enter rooms without permission.

Earlier in the day, the jury heard an audiotape in which the accuser's siblings and mother effusively praised the "King of Pop" as a father figure who took them in after years of abuse by the mother's ex-husband.

The tape was used by Mesereau in an attempt to impeach the credibility of the accuser's 18-year-old sister by trying to show inconsistencies between her testimony and other statements

"At that point I still liked Mr. Jackson and I was just latching onto something," she said of her comments on the tape.

"I had 16 years of abuse and I didn't know what a father was."



News anchor Dan Rather rehearses on the CBS "Evening News" set in New York. After 24 years at the anchor desk, Rather plans to make his final broadcast Wednesday.

## Will Guard story overshadow Dan Rather's 50-year career?

BY DAVID BAUDER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - As his final evening newscast approaches on Wednesday, Dan Rather is seeing the indignities pile up as quickly as the roses that were tossed in the path of Tom Brokaw when the NBC anchorman stepped down late last year.

The latest came in a New Yorker magazine article, where fellow CBS News legends Walter Cronkite and Mike Wallace talked about how difficult it was to watch Rather as an anchor.

The embattled Rather is left fighting for something largely beond his control — his reputation. Will his role in last fall's discredited story about President Bush's military service ultimately overshadow his remarkable 50-year career? "With the passing of time,

and people will say, 'God, Rather did that for 40-plus years," said Tom Bettag, a former Rather deputy who is now executive producer of ABC News' "Nightline.

When you get paid a lot of money, like a basketball player, people don't realize how hard it is. The amount of effort he poured into what he genuinely believed was a nublic trust was stunning "

Often, however, last impressions are the lasting ones.

"It is going to loom large," said Alex Jones, director of Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on Press. Politics and Public Policy. "Over time, this is something that will be put in better perspective, especially if he has another chapter in his career

Rather leaves without a victory lap. America's most popular an chorman in the 1980s, Rather and the "CBS Evening News" have been third in the ratings behind NBC and ABC for several years In a relatively slow news period, the CBS ratings have declined twice as much as its ABC and NBC competitors this season

CBS hasn't decided who will ul-timately replace Rather — Bob Schieffer begins as a temporary stand-in Thursday - and management hasn't consulted the outgoing anchor during its delibera-

In a series of evening news reports leading up to his departure, Rather has tried to keep the focus on the stories he's reported for CBS, a long list that dates back to President Kennedy's 1963 assassi-nation. He wants to be remembered as a hard-bitten reporter who wasn't tied to the anchor desk, and CBS recently distributed a timeline of his career that's a travelogue of world hot spots.



know must have been nominated." idea that she had been selected just didn't seem likely.

Texas wallflower

was, in the big leagues, with her South-ern-fried "Tambourine" competing for best country album against country institution Loretta Lynn and chart-toppers Tim McGraw, Keith Urban and Gretchen Wil-

Known chiefly as a critics' darling, Merritt was clearly the dark horse in the race. so she wasn't surprised when Lynn was called on stage at Los Angeles' Staples Center Feb. 13 to pick up the Grammy - and not just because of Merritt's low profile.

the Mason-Dixon line and be signed to a Nashville label, but the strum and twang of "Tambourine" are leavened with soul and sprinklings of gospel in a style Merritt calls a "rock-soul throw-down.

If it is country music, it's heavily footnoted with complementary styles. The part of the country genre she most identifies with is its classic storytelling.

"That storytelling is what I'm concerned with," she explained over a cup of tea recently in a Hollywood hotel restaurant, "In a lot of ways, what feels so special about the nomination is that somebody thought beyond what it was."

"Tambourine" is the follow-up to Mer-ritt's critically acclaimed 2002 debut, "Bramble Rose," a slower, more introspective record that stuck to her roots and clearly defined boundaries. More down-tempo than upbeat for most of its 51 minutes, the CD was a warm introduction to Merritt's fragile trill.

Raves in tastemaker publications, from the New Yorker to Rolling Stone, helped keep Merritt on the road for a year, but it was during that time that she began to feel constrained by the tenor of her first batch

"Our live shows have always had a lot of energy," she said. "When we were touring with 'Bramble Rose,' I felt like what I wanted to do next was a show where every night I could come off stage feeling like I'd just left a part of myself [up there]. I wanted to make something as sincere and genuine and from me, but I wanted to do it in a way

that was loud, more like church or a party.

Texas native Tiff

She's succeeded, on the album and in her recent live shows. During a perfor-mance last month at the Troubadour in Los Angeles, backup singers and a quivering organ were perfect accompaniment to Merritt, who was as charismatic as a preacher. And some of her songs have such an uplifting spiritual tone that they would be welcome at a revival meeting.

Oozing Southern charm with her quick wit and casual banter. Merritt had an easier time than many in winning over the traditionally stoic L.A. crowd.

Here's an artist who clearly loves the

stage and appreciates the rapt attention of her audience, but it took years before she felt comfortable in front of a crowd

"Bramble Rose" was recorded with the same musicians she'd played with for six vears. But the singer wanted to take her sound to a new level with "Tambourine, and she did it with the help of producer George Drakoulias, who has worked with other rock/country hybrids, including the Black Crowes and Tom Petty.

Musically, "Tambourine" leans heavily on rock and soul, but lyrically it's pure country. Before pursuing music Merritt was an aspiring fiction writer, and it shows

in songs that could be novellas if they weren't delivered with a guitar.

All of her lyrics are complicated human dramas, most of them romantic. In stories that unfold on buses and in hotels, they explore love from all angles.

"I think it's really easy for all of us to preoccupy ourselves with easily available dramas that are less than the truth," Merritt explained. "I try to write about what's important, to say what I really mean. I don't have the kind of mind that can take everything in at once. I want to sit with something and think about it. The details are what make things passionate. You can't see them if you're too close.

#### Cher sues music publisher

Singer and actress Cher is suing Warner/Chappell Music Inc. for breach of contract on claims that it failed to pay royalties estimated at more than \$250,000. The lawsuit filed last week in Los Angeles Superior

Court, alleges that the music publisher has not paid song and performance royalties for the last four years

The other plaintiffs include Chastity Bono, the daughter of Cher and her late husband Sonny Bono, and Christy Bono, Bono's daughter from his first marriage.

Other plaintiffs are Mary Bono-Baxley and her children Chianna and Cesare Bono. It was not immediately clear whether she is Rep. Mary Bono, R-Palm Springs, who married ex-minor league baseball player Glenn Baxley in 2001.

Singing duo Cher and Sonny Bono had reached written agreements in 1965 and 1966 for recording services with York Records and Atlantic Recording Corporation that required them to pay royalties and provide an accounting of the payments, the suit said.

#### Oprah on Vanity Fair's best dressed list

Oprah Winfrey's La Perla sweats - and the rest of her "classic, fun and relaxed" look - has self-described earned her a spot on the Vanity Fair

best dressed list for a second year in a "The key to elegance is not just wearing beautiful things but making what you're wearing come alive," she

most stylish men.

tells the magazine for its April issue. Also on the list again are Sofia Conpola, Kate Moss, Queen Rania of Jordan and actress Sienna Miller. Miller savs Edie Sedgwick is her fashion icon, and she picks Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and fiancé Jude Law as the

Winfrey

Law, who says he looks like a "messy schoolteacher," also made the list, along with Andre 3000, newscaster Anderson Cooper, musician Charlie Watts and director Wes Anderson

#### Sri Lankan musicians trying to raise funds

Sri Lankan musicians are trying to rally stars such as Elton John, Madonna and Ricky Martin to record an album to raise relief funds for countries hit by the Dec. 26

Asoka Gunawardena, spokesman for United Artistes of Sri Lanka, said the group hopes to release "One Nation, One World, One Love" on March 26.
The Sri Lankan group has contacted Western music in-

dustry representatives to try rallying stars to contribute to the 18-song album, he said. Money from CD sales will be used to build schools in tsunami-ravaged countries and for a monument in Sri Lanka.

From The Associated Press

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9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: Marketing Agencies in U.S.ey Nets vs. San 11:15 NBA, New Jersey Nets vs. San 11:10 BS Documentary: Pipeline be-tween Caspian and Mediterra-nean (r) 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News Hour 5:13 World News

### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Sarah Bright-man (soprano)

7:00 NHK News 7:45 U.S. Movie (1997): L.A. Confiden-tial (2:20) 10:05 TV Series: Alias 2 12:00 U.S. Movie (2000): Erin Brockov-ich (2:15)

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5:00 U.S. Movie (1925): The Gold Rush (1:12): The Martix Re-loaded (2:003): The Martix Re-loaded (2:01): Showing 10:00 U.S. Movie (2:01): Buffalo '66 (2:00) U.S. Japanesse Movie (2:003): The Brown Bunny (1:35) 1:35 U.S. Movie (2:002): Unspeakable 5:35 British-French-Canadian Movie (2:002): Steal (1:25)

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#### 5 condors released

AZ VERMILLION CLIFFS NATIONAL MONUMENT — Five Cali-fornia condor fledglings hopped from a release pen in northern Arizona and tested the air of freedom with their huge wings The birds are the lat-

est release of the endangered species in the Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, just

south of the Utah state line. The release adds to the wild population of the bird that two decades ago was on the verge of extinction

#### Victims hiding addresses

RI PROVIDENCE — Secretary of State Matthew A. Brown wants to allow people deemed to be victims of domestic violence or hate crimes to hide their address from the public.

People would be able to shield their addresses in numerous state and local records including voting lists, business ownership papers, driver's licenses, property deeds, civil and criminal court files and professional licenses.

The only requirement of people seeking to hide their addresses would be to make a sworn statement to Brown's office that they are victims

#### **High-tech license**

W CHARLESTON — The state Division of Motor Vehicles is rolling out a high-tech driver's license later this year in an attempt to reduce fraud

The new license will include fingerprint images, face-recognition technology and other security fea-

tures Commissioner Doug Stump says all 21 DMV regional offices should have the new technology by Octo-

#### Rocket disappoints

AK ANCHORAGE — A rocket launched for aurora research from Poker Flat Research Range malfunctioned and crashed north of Fairbanks.

Wreckage from the rocket was spotted in the rocket range's impact zone in the White Mountains. Range manager Greg Walker would not give a specific location for the wreckage. Under normal conditions, the payload would have flown for 40 minutes, peaked above the Arctic Ocean coastline and fallen on the polar ice cap, Walker said. The 70-foot, 2-inch four-stage

Black Brant XII rocket reached an altitude of about 18 miles high and flew for five minutes before crash-

#### High-tech trash can

NEW YORK — The city is testing a high-tech trash can that uses solar power to sense when it is full and then automatical. ly compact the garbage inside. The BigBelly can's tryout began

Feb. 14 in Chinatown and then was moved to Tribeca on Feb. 28, city sanitation department spokeswoman Taryn Duckett said.

Duckett said it's too early to tell whether it functions as advertised. The city decided to try out BigBelly because manufacturer Westborough, Mass.-based Power Co. Inc. offered it. Seahorse



turned in by a parent at an inspecified hospital in the Merrimack Valley, an official said. The baby was later discharged from the hospital and placed in a foster home.

Monteiro said no other information would be released because of privacy concerns. But she said the baby was the first surrendered since Oct. 29, when Massachusetts became the 47th state to allow parents to leave unwanted newborns at certain locations without legal ramifications.

#### Sprucing up rest areas

VA RICHMOND — Virginia lawmakers have earmarked \$20 million in funding to help spruce up or replace aging highway stops before Jamestown's 400th anniversary brings crowds of tourists to the state.

'We had to do something. Sen. Charles R. Hawkins, R-Pittsylvania and a member of the Senate Finance Committee. "It just got to the point of being a disgrace. If you plan to invite people to your home, you have to give them a place to stop and rest

For more than five years, people have complained about the condition of many of Virginia's 41 rest areas and welcome centers.

#### Lost Alamo flag

DALLAS - The only flag DALLAS — 110 cm, ... known to have survived the Battle of the Alamo has been found on display at a museum in Mexico, more than a decade after Mexican officials said they had lost it, a newspaper has reported.

Several flags reportedly flew at the Alamo during the March 1836 battle between a small band of Texas fighters and a Mexican army 10 times their number. All except one flag was destroyed.

More than a decade ago, Texas officials stepped up efforts to get the flag back, but the Mexicans said they had lost it.

A reporter from The Dallas Morning News recently found the flag at Mexico's National History Museum

It now rests in a glass case along-19th-century rifles. The once-blue rectangle of silk has faded to dirty white, but the gold fringe is intact and an eagle still spreads over the words "God & Lib.

#### Goat meat-cocaine trade

PA MOUNT PLEASANT — Four men stole, killed and butchered a goat so they could trade its meat for crack cocaine, police said

Authorities charged the four men with theft, receiving stolen property, cruelty to animals and criminal conspiracy for the Dec. 24 incident in Bullskin Township. about 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

James Walter Albright, 37 dragged the 4-year-old pygmy goat from its pen with a rope and tied the animal to a shrub, where he and Charles W. Smith Jr., 20, killed the animal by beating its head with a hammer or a steel pipe, police said.



Pretty in pink

Two-year-old Haley Ho catches he umbrella in Palo Alto, Calif.



A rather round and robust robin sits Waiting for spring in the afternoon sun looking for berries in the snow in Lancaster, Pa. The sight of robins has been leading some locals to hope for an early arrival of spring-like weather.



Myisha Heinen is pushed by her Just a little push friends Haley Haines left, and Alena Burnstein as the 9-year-old girls play on a swing in Prairie Village, Kan.

#### pating pharmacies Baby left at hospital

to those who signed up.

more are eligible

MA BOSTON — A newborn girl was surrendered in

**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

MN ST. PAUL — Call it na-ture's nasty trick.

This winter, common redpolls -

small red-capped finches that

flock at feeders — have swarmed

into Minnesota from Canada, delighting birdwatchers.

birds have been dropping dead

near feeders all over the state, vic-

People are being urged to re-

move finch feeders, clean them

with a mild bleach or vinegar solu-

tion and not replace them for a

while to force the birds to forage

more widely, lessening the spread

seniors save money on prescrip-

tion drugs has begun mailing cards

Program officials say thousands

The card allows seniors to pur-

chase prescription drugs at negoti-

ated discount prices from partici-

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tims of salmonella

of the disease.

But in the past three weeks,

Finches dropping dead



Mercedes Bryant, 4, lights a candle for her missing cousin, Jessica Lunsford, during a candlelight vigil held in Morrow. Ohio, at the home of Angela Bryant, Lunsford's mother.



A couple on a three-wheeled motorcycle cruise on Main Street in Daytona Cruising Daytona Beach, Fla. Bike Week 2005 is expected to draw half a million bikers to the ocean side city famous for its white sandy beaches.



Fans with faces painted with the Showing their spirit United States flag cheer during a Davis Cup tennis match at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.



Colorful skier Harold Schmidt, dressed as "Enola

Gay," dances down the course during a drag ski race-costume contest, part of "Ascent: the Winter Party at Lake Tahoe," in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.



Chris Stafford, of Canton, Ohio, sings "The Star-Spangled National anthem auditions Banner" inside an empty Jacobs Field as he, and others. audition for the chance to sing at a Cleveland Indians home game sometime this summer. Theauditions were just one of a number of activities held at the stadium as part of an open house.

#### Flushed out by cops

AR FORT SMITH — Getting tanked has a whole new meaning for a woman on the lam. Brandy Shante Moss, 19, decided that police wanting to talk to her about a domestic dispute complaint would never think to look in a sentic tank

They did. Officer Danny Baker found

Moss in her hideout and stepped on the tank to arrest her.

The tank collapsed on Moss, iniuring her badly enough that she had to go to the hospital.

Baker and his colleagues responding to the call said they saw a man and a woman run from a house to an abandoned one nearby. The woman, Moss, found the septic tank behind the abandoned After being treated, Moss was

booked into the Sebastian County Jail on suspicion of fleeing apprehension and two counts of third-de gree domestic battery. She also was held on warrants for contempt and failure to comply with a court order

#### Beach takes pounding

NJ VENTNOR — A beach rebuilt last year as part of a \$24 million shore protection project has taken a pounding from recent storms. Waves have carved out 4-foot cliffs of sand from a barrier dune and damaged walkways and fences. Officials estimate that the storms removed about 300,000 cubic vards of sand, or a fifth of the total used in Ventnor.

#### Adoption scam

AL WETUMPKA — Cherish Tarbox and her mother, Jenny Lodge, pleaded guilty to using Tarbox's infant twins as bait in an adoption scam. Police said Tarbox, 20, and Lodge, 42, scammed five prospective adoptive couples out of more than \$17,000 by offering to allow them to adopt the twin boys if they paid for medical and other expenses.

#### Janitor leaves gifts

AMO — A janitor has left \$80,000 to the school where he worked almost 15 years. Jack Eggers, who died of a brain tumor in January 2004 at age 69, left more than \$200,000 to several causes, including Mill Creek West Elementary School. He retired in November 2003 and occasionally would visit to read to the children.

#### **Husband charged**

MD ELKTON — A husband was charged with his wife's death after police found her 81-pound body on a soiled mattress inside a bedroom where she had allegedly been confined for years.

John Joseph Dougherty, 52, had allegedly kept his wife, Mary Elizabeth Kilrain, 46, locked in a bedroom since she had an aneurysm in 1999 and began to constantly yell at her children, charging documents said.

He also allegedly told his daughters - ages 10, 13 and 16 - to lock their mother in the bedroom after they visited her, the court papers said

Dougherty called police after one of his daughters tried to give Kilrain water and found her dead, police said.

Officers arriving at the home in Elkton, about 50 miles northeast of Baltimore, found her lying on a mattress surrounded by moldy food, excrement and a broken cane likely used to bang against the

locked door, court papers said. Dougherty was charged with involuntary manslaughter and abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult family member. He was ordered held at the county jail on \$350,000 bond, police said.

"It was one of the worst scenes I have ever seen in my 27 years of law enforcement," said Detective Sgt. Bernard Chiominto, of the Cecil County sheriff's office.

The daughters were placed in a foster home, Chiominto said.

#### Rare sheep sighting

WI ELKHORN — Game war-den Tim Price had to see it to believe it when a woman reported she saw a wild bighorn sheep next to the interstate in Walworth County.

"I thought she was a nut," Price said. "Ironically enough, that very next day I was on Peck Station Road and I thought, "That's a bighorn ram.

The sheep has been seen numerous times since November roaming in Walworth County. It may be a wild bighorn or it may be another species of sheep. People have described it as brown and shappy. with curled horns and a white butt. Norma Botma and her friend Lauri Paddock were driving to Milwaukee from Elkhorn on Dec. 16 when Paddock saw the animal

near Walworth County Trunk D and Interstate 43. "I said, 'It looks like a bighorn sheep," Botma recalled. "When we came home and told Lauri's husband, he thought we both had been drinking."

#### Snow record approaches

CO DENVER — Colorado is heading into the traditionally snowiest period of the year with its best snowpack since 1997. Recently, the statewide snowpack was at 109 percent of the 30-year average, the best for this time of year since the five-year drought began. Only the northwestern corner of the state remains on the national drought man. Ten states rely on the Colorado snowpack for water.

#### **Budgetary success**

MONTPELIER — School districts enjoyed moderate success at winning approval of their annual hudgets at town meetings, according to Jeffrey Francis. executive director of the Vermont Superintendents Association. Of 246 budgets that have been decided. 226 passed. 19 failed and consideration of one other was deferred. Another six budgets were reduced before they passed.

#### Pastor voted out

MARION — A pastor who insisted his first firing was invalid has again been voted out by members of the church. However, his attorney is questioning whether a handful of people who didn't vote could have changed the outcome.

Of 99 Grace Missionary Baptist Church members, 50 voted to remove the Rev. Ed McDowell, while 46 chose to retain him. Three members abstained.

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#### Quality eroded with E-5 bump

[In regard to the March 3 article about automatic promotions for Army E-5s ("Corporals, specialists to be put on promotion list," Korea edition; "Army to put 19,000 E-4s on promotion list" Japan edi-tion)]: I feel compelled to give not just my opinion, but the opinion of many con cerned noncommissioned officers as well.

That this is a knee-jerk reaction to a problem that has been looming over the heads of the NCO corps for quite some time is an understatement. Yes, the Army needs more sergeants and, yes, there a qualified people out there who can fill those slots. But Retired Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell's opinion that commanders expect soldiers to meet a higher standard than that of the Army is ridiculous. If Purcell is referring to the minimum standards as being time in grade, time in service, then he is not part of the solution, but part of the

The Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer is what I and other NCOs live by, and such statements as "I realize that I a member of a time honored corps, which is known as 'The Backbone of the Army give credence to the fact that the NCO corps is not a club or a pay grade, but a way of life — a way of life that I and many other NCOs are proud to be a part of. The way to solve any problem is to simply state the facts

The underlying fact with the lack of, or decrease in, junior soldiers going to the board is twofold. It's not their commanders: it's the motivation of the individual soldier and the lack of mentorship on the part of our leaders. Quite a few young soldiers have the perception that the Army owes them something, or that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease." Automatically making soldiers promotable only adds to that attitude.

Second, because we have already been sending soldiers to the promotion board simply because they have met time in grade, time in service requirements (under the direction of many unit commanders), the NCO Corps is chock-full of weak leaders who neither mentor nor guide their junior soldiers down the pathway to success.

The solution lies with the NCO Corps as we have it. It is our job as leaders to men-tor and guide our soldiers so that they can take our place and be successful. If the "Backbone of the Army" plans on filling its ranks with marginal or substandard sol-diers, if we are going to be so foolish as to accept quantity over quality, then we can only expect our standards to decrease as well as the desire and drive of the individu al soldier. I hope that those who have made this decision realize the damage involved by opening up the "promotion floodgates

Not every soldier has what it takes to be a leader (NCO). Leaders are not made, they are born, and anyone who would tell vou differently doesn't know the difference between a leader and a manager.

I am not looking for a soapbox or a sounding board. I am looking for a little common sense to be applied, especially in matters of such significance as promotion

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to the ranks of the noncommissioned offic-

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#### Object to Navy 'objector'

No doubt the column written by Pablo Paredes ("A conscientious objector speaks out," Feb. 28) will invoke sparks of passion amid our proud military members all over the world. Paredes states that part of the reason he has come to the conclusion he no longer wants to study warfare is because he is Catholic. I'd like him to remember that one of the bloodiest and most tragic eras of human history occurred beca religious beliefs: the Crusades What Paredes has done is a disservice to his shipmates, his service and his country

I have no pity for Paredes and believe he should spend the rest of his life repaying his debt to the Navy. For when she called upon him to defend his country, he cowered back and refused. How dare he. The Navy invested tens of thousands of dol-lars on Paredes to do his job. He just came along for a free ride and should pay for his

1st Lt. Ed Adams Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

## Mission isn't a surprise

This question is in reference to the statement by Pablo Paredes ("A conscientious objector speaks out," column, Feb. 28) and to all conscientious objectors in general Why did you join the armed services if you

did not want to fight? When you joined, you took an oath that ent something like this: "I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, do went something like this: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic: that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uni-form Code of Military Justice. So help me

God. I swear (or affirm) that I am fully aware and fully understand the condition under which I am enlisting."

You knew what you were getting into. You should have also known that the armed services fight to defend the American peo-

ple and country. I understand that you may not want to fight and I respect your opinion. War is terrible. However, you were expected to fight and defend the United States. If you didn't want to fight, you should have joined the

> Michael Sanders Yokota Air Base, Japan

#### 'Doonesbury' a 'counterweight'

State Department.

This is in response to Col. John Crook's March 2 letter ("Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap' ") denouncing the "Doonesbury" comic strip as a left-wing "piece of crap." "Doonesbury" — whatever its faults — is a decades-old, highly regarded, Pulitzer Prize-winning work of political satire. In Stars and Stripes it stands as a coun-

terweight to the frequently mean-spirited and simplistic right-wing diatribe that char-acterizes the upstart "Mallard Fillmore" strip on the adjoining page. Put the two of them together and, guess what, you have freedom of speech and diversity of opinion. Isn't that what the opinion pages of a news-paper are supposed to encourage? Nicholas Stigliani

## 'Doonesbury' has its place

Respectfully, Col. John "Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' " letter. March 2): As an American, I am glad our "newspaper" of the armed services in-cludes "that left-wing-subcutaneous-slan-dering piece-of-crap comic." What path would we be walking down if we removed everything that didn't agree with us?

I also am irritated when "Doonesbury

gleefully attacks the Republican Party and ignores Democratic Party foibles, but that is why the comic is in the Letters to the Editor section instead of the comics. Really though, should we pull "Foxtrot" because it may teach our children to be sassy? How about "Beetle Bailey"?

Master Sgt. Robert Tebben

#### Strip amuses other readers

After reading the March 2 letter "Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' " all I can say is: "Wow." I wanted to say more, but the presence of polite company made me

Apparently the "gentleman" penned it doesn't quite get that "Doones-bury" and its opposite-page counterpart "Mallard Fillmore" aren't there for his amusement. They're placed on the page for mine. Because I have a sense of humor. And only half as inflated an ego.

Also, notice if you will, my use of quotation marks around the word "gentleman" so that people can tell I'm being sarcastic, as was the letter writer with "newspaper." Aren't I clever? No?

Staff Sgt. Louis Stutz Camp Foster, Okinawa

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury









### **OPINION**

## Ten Commandments divisiveness on display when erecting the displays? The

hen public officials decide to post the Ten Commandments public places, they often stress the religious significance to a Christian nation. But when they defend these monu ments in court, they push religion into the background and make elaborate, but often faulty, arguments about the secular importance of the commandments in American history.

Last week was no different as the U.S. Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of a 6-foot-tall granite monument on the State Capitol grounds in Austin, Texas, and Ten Commandments plaques in two county courthouses in Kentucky.

Mathew D. Staver, defending the Kentucky plaques, stressed that there were "really, very few" religious words in the Ten Commandments. An incredulous Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg fired back, "Have you read the first four commandments when you say thati

The Supreme Court's task is not to decide whether Ten Commandments displays in general violate the First Amendment, but, rather, where to draw the line between displays that are constitutional and those that are not

Not all displays abridge the First Amendment's bar to "an establishment of religion." Certainly, the Su-

preme Court itself need not sandblast the mural of Moses and the Ten Commandments from the courtroom's east wall. The mural is a piece of art depicting the great lawgivers of history, from the Babylonian King Hammurabi to Confucius to Napoleon to Moham-

Just as clearly, on the other hand, the First Amendment does not permit former Alabama Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore to place a 2.6-ton monument to the Ten Commandments in the Alabama Supreme Court building, virtually turning the rotunda into a religious sanctuary

The Texas and Kentucky displays lie somewhere between those extremes. The Texas monument is one of 17 on the Capitol grounds, scattered among tributes to Confederate soldiers and pioneer women.

Like a similar monument on the Missouri Capitol grounds in Jefferson City, it was donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles as part of a promotional campaign by Cecil B. DeMille for his 1956 movie "The Ten Commandments. The settings of the Kentucky plaques also have been secularized over the years with the additions of copies of the Magna Carta and the Mayflower Compact.

What separates the constitutional from the unconstitutional dis-play — size, location, proximity to other historical artifacts, or the statements public officials make

justices appeared to be struggling for answers. Except, that is, for Jus tice Antonin Scalia, for whom the answer was easy. The Ten Commandments, he declared, is "a symbol of the fact that government derives its authority from God."

But the justices likely to cast the deciding vote weren't so certain. "It's so hard to draw the line." Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy asked at one point why an atheist couldn't just "avert his eyes" at the Texas monument. But he also stated it was obvious that the main value of the displays was their "re-

ligious purpose Although the Kentucky plaques are much smaller than the Texas monument, they also are harder to defend: the Kentucky counties proclaimed that they were posting the commandments to support Judge Moore, to demonstrate "America's Christian heritage" and to emphasize Jesus Christ's role as "Prince

The Kentucky counties subsequently added other texts, emphasizing that the commandments' "influence is clearly seen in the Declaration of Independence." In fact, there is no link between the commandments and the declaration. nor were the Ten Commandments mentioned during the Constitutional Convention. Yet the Kentucky counties argued that adding secular elements to the Ten Commandments display cured any constitutional problems.



If the court buys this reasoning, it would drag Ten Commandments cases the way of creche decisions finding Nativity scenes standing alone on a courthouse staircase un constitutional, but ones joined by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman on the courthouse lawn secular enough for prime time.

Justice O'Connor seemed to con sider age a possible criterion for approval, suggesting that preservation of an "old object" might be a nonreligious justification for a Ten Commandments display. would have the practical advantage of not requiring bulldozers to remove big granite monuments from the middle of town squares. A majority of Americans believe

in the principles of the Ten Commandments, but that doesn't give government the right to force-feed them to the minority - whether atheists or pantheists or Buddhists - that does not. And the transparent ploy of diminishing the commandments' religious significance

in an attempt to gain the court's ap-proval of public display insults

their very sacredness.

## Taking steps to understand what service means

very morning at sunrise, I walk my large mixed-breed dogs through my small college town. There's a dreamlike quality to most mornings. I've gotten to know my neighbors' gardens and trees. Sometimes I choose the route for specific reasons. One recent day, it was for the flowering cherry that had just opened, and the last of the crab apple blossoms. The dogs were snuffling in the ivy when I heard a group of strong young voices calling out a marching cadence

There's an ROTC unit at this cluster of small colleges. As I walked south, they came toward me, running in formation on the three or four abreast, mostly short-haired men, but there were some women with pony tails. They wore gray "ARMY" T-shirts, black shorts and orange web belts. The lead officer, a chesty 40-year-old, responded to my "Hello," and he and the group ran in place to let me and the dogs cross in front of them. As they passed behind me, a woman's voice called out the next verse, and then they all repeated it: "If I die in a combat zone, put me in a box and ship me home. Their rubber soles hit the pavement with

a dull thud as they jogged slowly past. As I reached the far corner, I tried to get hold of my feelings. Only one of them was likely to have seen a combat zone, and I bet none of them had ever looked into "a box."

I teared up suddenly and my chest con tracted, remembering my first sightings of body bags on the tarmac in South Vietnam, where I was working as a reporter in 1970. When I was in high school, I'd seen the coffins of young military men and women arriving at the funeral home my family ran in Clairton, Pa. The coffins, accompanied by soldiers were uncrated from their shipping cases and put on a bier

I remember the faces of the families. stunned and puzzled, when they faced the coffins, the sound of muffled sobs and the women wringing their hands and handkerchiefs, if they were older, or tissues for the vounger ones

Then I was brought back to the present by the next cadence: "Put my medals on my chest, tell my mom I did my best."

They ran off, and I lost their sound as the dogs tugged me along. I was blinking fast, remembering those funerals in that other small town, where I had grown up, as friends and ministers gathered to try to console the mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters. My brothers would help the family members into the cars for the trip to the cemetery, and I stayed behind to clean.

The young people I encountered on the street that day could not know or imagine those long-ago scenes, except perhaps as television films or news clins or photos in newspapers Surely, they must think, those scenes

could never be about them, or their friends or families; surely their circle of family and buddies would never blink back tears in the morning light as the trumpet sounded taps, or hug the folded flag the soldier handed to My walk continued, toward the bakery

and my morning circle of friends, coffee and gossip. Behind me, those shining young people, beautiful in their strength and sure in their purpose, were being molded to defend

- to defend us. Surely, I want none of them harmed — no boxes, no medals, no weeping mothers. But surely I want to be secure, to have all of this protected. If I will that end, must I will that means?

It is no answer to say those young people volunteered" — what do they know about alternatives? What other way can they afford their expensive colleges? How else can they feel they are serving their country?

This is a very pleasant small town. Once they ran past me, there was no mark that those young soldiers had been there. It would be pleasant to put them out of my mind, to put all that is going on in our name out of my mind, as we do every day. It would be pleasant and wrong.

Nancy Y. Bekayac is president of Scripps College in Claremont, Calif. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

#### Mallard Fillmore

GEE!...ACCOPDING HMMMMm to this story,\* KNOWING THAT I'M THERE'S A WHOLE NOT THE ONLY IGNORANT GENERATION PERSON WITH NO PESILENCE, AND VERY FEW LIFE-OR JOB OF US SAUS, WHO NEVERTHELESS FEELS PEALLY GOOD LABOUT MYSELF... \*USA TODAY GOR

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Hobbes

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**Holiday Mathis** 

## J Horoscope

The day gets off to a fabulous start, until that kink in the plan - this looks oddly familiar. It's easy to blame your spouse, friends or the powers that be for the problem that keeps returning to your life like a boomer ang. The sun, moon, Venus and Uranus all transiting psychic Pisces lends great intuitive powers if you turn inward for the truth.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). It's one of the most joyful years once you determine where to apply

yourself. When you happily contribute to someone in the next 10 weeks, you light up a life - and so are put in touch with your deep need to help others. The social swirl uplifts you in April and May. New training in August improves finances. Love signs are Aries and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A beatific scene has you wondering: Is this the calm before the storm? Yes, it is. So get your iced tea, sit on the deck, prop up your feet, and enjoy the fine "weather" while it lasts

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The demands of family and work are a hit heavier than usual. Deep breathing will help you get perspective. Silly things diffuse stress Gemini and Aquarius are experts at making you laugh

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put yourself in a challenging position. When you trust yourself to adapt and cope, you gain confidence. That's why learning new words or following new interests makes you strong in totally unrelated

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Loved ones relate their situation to you, and your opinion rises quickly to the surface. To speak or not to speak - that is the question. It is nobler to bear the slings and arrows of a loved one's reaction than to stay mum

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everything goes right if you feel good. You don't have to pop vitamins to follow

the principles of holistic health. The bottom line is, nutritious food and enough exercise improve your mood

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a one-track mind. The

caper is all planned out Now, can you convincingly pull it off? Prohably better than most. But with a Sanittarius or Leo by your side, it's as good as done

#### LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You're highly impressionable today. Too much mainstream media will have you focused on fear and negativity. Spend your

precious moments in nature with animals or reading inspirational materials

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Cleave to your humanity. The imperfections you see in your brothers and sisters are the very ones you have the power to fix in yourself. That doesn't stop you from being irritated, but it might stop you from acting out

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in the habit of thinking of yourself as a free agent, but

someone close to you is in the habit of trying to pin you down. It used to be flattering, but now, you're busy practicing the moves to get yourself out of the hold

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love does a jittery tap dance in your heart. The temptation is to give

your power away by blindly following that oh-so-charismatic someone. Of course, you already have all the answers you need. Trust yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your style is so distinct that you train people to go to you for what they need because no one else will do New clients, customers and sources of income are featured

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

There's much going in your favor, but your need for introspection may cause you not to see it like everyone around you does. No matter. As Carl Jung said: "Who looks outside, dreams: who looks inside, awakes.

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#### **Peanuts**

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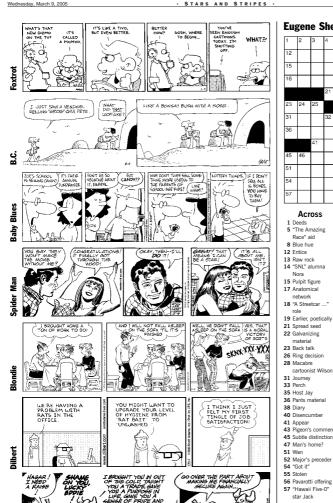












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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

We need every able body to help prevent a flood

And lots of tax dollars

## **New HIV strain should sound alarm**

Dear Abby: The recent news of a possible new strain of HIV that is drug-resistant to three of the four classes of anti-HIV drugs and may progress to AIDS in months rather than years, should provide a wake-up call to those who are not practicing

safer sex and/or are still sharing needles and syringes Time after time. I hear young people say they're not worried about being exposed to HIV/AIDS because, should they get infected, they can tal

the appropriate medicine and they'll be fine. Unfortunately, they could be dead wrong. If they become infected, the medicines they will have to take can cause serious side effects and must be taken for the rest of their lives. Also, not all people benefit from the medica tions, especially those who are unfortunate enough to be infected with a strain of virus that's al-

ready resistant to one or more

Abby, people need to under-stand that HIV is not spread through the air, or from shaking hands or hugging someone who has the virus. If you have unprotected sex or share needles and syringes you could become infect-

ed. It's up to all of us to Dear Abby protect ourselves and our partners.

- Mervyn R. Silverman, M.D., Former President. American Foundation

for AIDS Research Dear Dr. Silverman: I agree that it's critically important for folks to protect themselves and their loved ones from sexually transmitted

diseases (STDs). In order to do that, they must act responsibly. I hope the announcement will remind everyone about a subject that seems to have been forgotten in the last decade.

Dear Abby: I'm 16 and a sophomore in high school. I have been struggling with my weight for two years. I have tried Weight Watchers and other weight-loss programs, and I try not to eat between meals or consume a lot of junk food - but

I just can't stop.

My parents keep pressuring me to lose 40 pounds. Even my friends say I should lose weight. They say if I do, my crush would notice me more. Can you give me any tips for losing weight? — Chubby in Cleveland

Dear Chubby: Everything has a price. If you want to lose weight, the price you'll have to pay is abstaining from high-carb, high-fat, empty-calorie food for a

Losing weight is like banking: If you eat more calories than you "spend," you'll have fat in your "savings account." If you spend more calories than you save, you'll gradually become lean and

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME Unscramble these four Jumbles.



RAYLEY

GLUTLE

RISING RIVER. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WHAT IT TOOK

TO SANDBAG THE TOWN AGAINST THE

Yesterday's

Jumbles: QUAIL

(Answers tomorrow) JUDGE PETITE

CHALET Answer Known to leave when teenagers have their friends over - PEACE AND QUIET

## Carefully suggest ADD treatment

#### Dear Annie: My

son-in-law might have ADD. He exhibits nervousness and impulsive behavior. While having a conversation with him he is not really engaged but instead is formulating his next question off-topic. He makes off-the-wall comments

Several years ago, my daughter was asked about the possibility that her husband had ADD, and she admitted he might, but nothing was done with that information Given the recent television awareness campaign for adult ADD and the emergence of new drugs as a possible solution, it would appear there could be a way to improve the lives of my daughter and son-in-law. Can I tactfully suggest that my daugh ter revisit this issue, or should I just let it be?

— Caring Father Dear Caring Father: That TV ad campaign is paid for by a pharma ceutical company, and it has its



own agenda to promote. Annie's Mailbox Your son-in-law may not have ADD, but if you feel you must do son thing, give your daugh ter the address of the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (www.add.org), P.O. Box 543, Pottstown, PA 19464 and tell her she might want to check it out. The rest is up to

You are treading a fine line between caring and interfering, but you know that. A lot depends upon how likely your daughter is to listen to you, and how receptive her husband will be if she brings up the subject.

Dear Annie: I soon will be 16 years old, and I have many close friends whom I e-mail almost every night, including one who lives in Texas and another in

Please allow her to handle it

Hawaii I usually get on the computer and instant-message after finishing my homework, but lately, my dad has been coming into the room, saying he wants to send some e-mails. I know his e-mails are important, so I give him the computer to do his work, but afterward, he sits and plays Solitaire for a really long time. I

can't get back on the computer for hours, and my friends are often asleep or busy by then.
I don't know what, exactly, to
say to my dad. I know his e-mails
take precedence, and there's nothing wrong with Solitaire, but

my friends are important to me, and I'm starting to miss th - Alone, But Not Lonely Dear Not Lonely: There's no reason Dad can't work out a

schedule so you each get to use the computer. Here's how to say it: "Dad,

could you please set aside a specific time when I can use the computer every night? I promise when the time is up, I will get off immediately so you can use it. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox(comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndi cate, 5777 W. Century Blud, Suiler 700, Los Angeles, CA 50048.

#### **Family Circus**



"Who wants to guess what PJ drew a picture of?"

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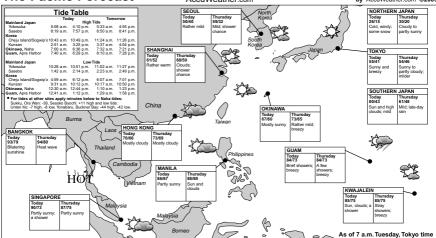
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### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

TOKYO

Friday: Rain, high 62, low 53. Saturday: Partly sunny high 54, low 31.

#### KADENA Friday: Thunderstorms,

high 71, low 54. Saturday: Showers, high 58, low 46.

#### SEOUL

Friday: Partly sunny, high 35, low 9. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 27, low 12.

#### MANILA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 91, low 72. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 71.

#### HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 85, low 71. Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 83. low 73.

#### Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW		HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	61/38	Los Angeles	74/54
Amarillo	62/35	Little Rock	73/3
Anchorage	38/27	Louisville	61/3
Asheville	69/39	Miami	82/67
Baltimore	69/49	Milwaukee	47/17
Birmingham	63/40	Nashville	63/33
Bismarck	32/14	New York	58/42
Boise	62/38	Omaha	40/20
Boston	43/41	Orlando	77/60
Brownsville	84/59	Philadelphia	66/42
Buffalo	50/18	Phoenix	74/54
Burlington	34/19	Pittsburgh	60/24
Charleston, St	C 74/57	Portland, OR	66/46
Charlotte	70/49	Portland, ME	37/33
Cleveland	53/20	Salt Lake City	57/31
Columbus, OH	H 57/24	St. Louis	60/28
Duluth	19/-2	San Antonio	75/50
El Paso	68/42	San Diego	68/56
Hartford	49/41	San Juan	83/70
Helena	54/35	Tampa	77/64
Indianapolis	58/23	Tulsa	64/33
Jacksonville	76/54	Washington, D	C 70/4:
Kansas City	50/23	Wichita	63/32



#### own is noon position of precipitation. Forecats highs/lows are for selected cities

### U.S. Extended Forecast

A chilly northwest wind will prevail Wednesday across the East Coast. A lingering front will bring rain and thunderstorms to South Florida. A storm system will spread some showers and even a thunderstorm across Arkansas and into northeast Texas. Cool with a few lake-effect snow showers in Michigan. A few showers across Montana as a weak disturbance moves through; otherwise, mainly cloudy and breezy. High pressure will dominate across the Southwest, keeping the region warm and dry. An offshore flow will prevail in Southern California. It will remain wet across parts of Florida Thursday morning as a front begins to pull away from the region. A cold front will dive south across the Midwest bring a bit of light snow or some flurries. The Southwest will remain warm and dry as high pressure dominates.

#### Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Wednesday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	53/36	Kadena AB	67/60	Sapporo	26/15	Athens	50/40	Buenos Aires	77/54	Kiev	28/24	New Delhi	71/55	
Camp Casey	50/39	Kunsan AB	54/46	Seoul	50/40	Auckland	71/58	Cairo	67/42	Kuwait	86/61	Oslo	30/21	
Christchurch	59/47	Kwajalein	85/75	Shanghai	61/52	Baghdad	79/57	Cancun	83/69	London	48/40	Paris	46/36	
Diego Garcia	88/78	Manila	86/67	Singapore	90/73	Barbados	88/69	Cape Town	71/46	Madrid	58/35	Rio de Janeiro	82/72	
Hagatna	84/73	Misawa AB	33/16	Sydney	78/61	Barcelona	51/39	Geneva	37/33	Mexico City	75/54	Rome	50/36	
Hanoi	79/72	Osan	52/42	Taegu	57/45	Berlin	27/12	Istanbul	37/23	Montreal	11/0	St. Petersburg	21/8	
Hong Kong	70/66	Perth	75/58	Taipei	73/63	Bermuda	68/50	Jerusalem	57/47	Mogadishu	89/75	Stockholm	25/14	
Honolulu	84/70	Pusan	56/46	Tokyo	55/41	Brussels	44/29	Johannesburg	83/63	Moscow	24/14	Warsaw	26/18	



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Choose a "flat-cut" comed beef, Look for those exact works on the front of the package. It's the leaner half of the whole brisket. Same great comed beef flavor, but it weighs in low enough in fat to qualify as "lean" according to the government's labeling standards. Lean emans 10 grams or less total fat; 4.5 grams or less saturated fat; and less than 95 milligrams holesterol per serving. Check the nutrition label yourself, and know that you can enjoy traditional Irish fare the healthy way.

Most corned beef briskets are in the three to four pound range, so you don't even have to fret over how much to buy. A conservative serving size is about four ounces per person, so count on a four-pound brisket serving eight to ten people. Don't worry if that's more people than you can feed at one meal, comed heef keeps well. Use leftovers to make cold sandwiches accompanied by some good German mustard, heat this slices in the microwave for a repeat meal, or better yet make Reuben sandwiches (thinly sliced comed beef, well drained sauerkraut, a slice of Swiss cheese and a tablespoon or so of Russian dressing, stuffed between vosities of lightly buttered rye bread, and grilled in a skilled or gridled, grilled chees style.)

If you've never eaten comed beef before, now is the time to try it. Don't be surprised by its now yred color, that's the result of the salt/spice/brine-cure process it undergoes to become comed beef. And no, com is not used in the curing process. The name is an age-old reference to the com-sized crystals of salt edge to brine large cuts of beef brisket or beef round. Follow the cooking instructions on the package using the seasoning packet, or use this recipe from The Joy of Cooking to lower the sodium content just a bit. Check it out when you read the nutrition label - 110 mg sodium per serving is high. If you prepare it according to package directions using the brine it's packed in, be sure to make low sodium choices in

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Remove corned beef from package and wash under running water to remove brine. Place the brisket in a large pot and add water to cover. Drop in the pepercorns and bay leaves. Set over high heat and bring liquid to the boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer, covered, for about 3 hours, or until fork can easily penetrate the center. Add cabbage to the pot during the last 15 to 20 minutes of cooking.

Remove the meat from the pot and let stand for 15 minutes. Drain the cabbage and keep warm. Cut the corned beef, against the grain, into thin slices and remove to serving plate or platter.

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# Croatia's Ljubicic tops Roddick, U.S. in Davis Cup

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. - Even Andre Agassi couldn't lead the U.S. team to Davis Cup success.

The Americans sent out an impressive group against Croatia. with Agassi back after five years to join Andy Roddick and doubles specialists Bob and Mike Bryan

Ivan Ljubicic proved too much for all of them, almost sin-gle-handedly leading his country to a 3-2 opening-round victory

The 25-year-old Ljubicic ran his record against the United States to 6-0 with two singles vic tories to bookend a doubles triumph

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe obviously was disappointed with the loss - and very impressed by

Ljubicic's performance "To play that well, to beat Agas-



Andy Roddick reacts after losing a game to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic during their Davis Cup singles match on Sunday. Ljubicic won 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (11), 6-7 (7), 6-2 to send Croatia into the quarterfinals.

si, the Bryans and Roddick back to back, it's an impressive perfor-mance," McEnroe said.

Liubicic finished off his iron man stint with a victory over Roddick, propelling Croatia into the

On a roll that has carried him to four tour finals this year, Ljubicic was proud to win for his country

"I think all around the world, this is going to be big news be cause to beat Andre, Bryans and Roddick in three days, I think it's a great effort," he said.

"I was thinking if I could just win one singles, just to keep up the momentum and just keen the confidence up. But I did it all the way, so it is just amazing."

The United States has won the Cup 31 times, but not for a decade. The drought is the Americans' longest in 68 years.

Ljubicic outlasted Roddick 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (11), 6-7 (7), 6-2 in a match that featured a highlight reel's worth of spectacular shots by both players and lasted 3 hours, 58 minutes.

"There's no worse feeling than

our sport, especially when your teammates are counting on you. Roddick said, "There are so many people that you're playing for and that you feel like you've let

Ljubicic began the round with a straight-set victory over Agassi, then teamed with Ancic to hand ob Bryan and his twin brother, Mike, their first Davis Cup loss in six matches

Both Roddick and Ljubicic played extremely well in their match, with Roddick rocketing one serve that hit 152 mph. But Ljubicic was able to punch back some of the powerful first serves, and he pounced on Roddick's 73 second serves to win 41 points.

After winning the fourth-set tiebreaker, Roddick immediately lost his serve to start the fifth set. Ljubicic broke through again in the fifth game to take clear con-

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### Baseball

#### Spring training glance

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## Mastercard Classic

Sunday At Bosque Real Country Club

## Purse: \$1.2 million Yardage: 6,932; Par: 72 Final Round

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## Auto racing

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Rusch-Telcel Motorola 200 Sunday
At Autodromo Hermanos Rodrigue:
Mexico City
Lap length: 2-518 mile road course
(Start position in parentheses)
(3) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet,

 (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 80, \$73,850.
 (9) Carl Edwards, Ford, 80, \$63,933.
 (26) Shane Hmiel, Chevrolet, 80, \$53.975. 1. 37. vari Euwards, Ford, 80, \$63,393. 4. (28) Shane Himlel, Chervolet, 80, \$53,975. 5. (4) Boris Said, Dodge, 80, \$47,875. 6. (3) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 80, \$47,875. 8. (55) Kenny Wallace, Ford, 80, \$549,810. 9. (20) Ashton Lewis F., Ford, 80, \$53,965. 10. (40) Adrian Fernadez, Chevrolet, 80, \$43,700.

11. (29) Johnny Sauter, Dodge, 80, \$43,990. 12. (21) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 80 12. (21) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 80, \$43,515. 13. (15) Jason Keller, Ford, 80, \$45,548. 14. (19) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 80, \$44,525. 15. (34) Denny Hamlin, Chevrolet, 80, \$46,650.

46,550. 16. (27) Jon Wood, Ford, 80, \$41,075. 17. (30) Ryan Hemphill, Dodge, 80, \$46,150. 18. (10) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 80, \$38,525. 19. (28) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 80, 400. (,25) Jimmy Morales, Ford, 80, \$39,125. . (17) Tim Fedewa, Dodge, 80, \$44,290. . (36) David Stremme, Dodge, 80, \$44,240. . (22) Brent Sherman, Dodge, 80, \$38,458.

(12) Tyler Walker, Dodge, 80, \$41,675. (38) Justin Labonte, Chevrolet, 80, 90. (16) Chris Cook, Chevrolet, 80, \$37,975. (37) Ruben Garcia Novoa, Chevrolet, 80.

39,925. 28. (24) Stacy Compton, Ford, 80, \$42,760. 29. (43) Eric Jones, Ford, 80, \$37,825.

10. (41) Shawna Robinson, Chevrolet, 80. \$40,225, 31. (33) Jose Luis Ramirez, Dodge, 80, \$37,735. 32 (32) Randy LaJole, Chevrolet, 80, \$37,700. 33. (14) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 80. \$37,665. 37,665, 34. (7) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 77,\$40,515. 35. (39) Mara Reyes, Ford, 75,\$39,600. 36. (8) Carlos Contreras, Dodge, 73, handling, \$37,565. 37. (18) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford, 69, \$45,030. 38. (1) Jorge Goeters, Ford, 65, engine fail-re, \$41,870. 38. (1) 2019 Center (2) 2019 C (23) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 20, engine tail-ure, \$40,070.
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Americk: 46-47; A.Lewis Jr. 48; S.Barrett 25-32; AFernadez 33-36; M.Truex Jr. 37-45; K.Harvick 46-47; ALewis Jr. 48; S.Barrett 49-52; M.Truex Jr. 53-80. Point Standings: 1. K.Harvick, 515. 2. C.Ed-wards, 454. 3. C.Bowyer, 433. 4. M.Truex Jr. 423. 5. R.Sorenson, 414. 6. ALewis Jr., 397. 7. S.Hmiel, 376. 8. K.Wallace, 318. 9. J.Labonte, 303. 10. J.Keller, 294.

### Toyota Indy 300

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 200, \$46,400. Alex Barron, Dallara-Toyota, 199, 8. (17) Alex Barron, Dallara-Toyota, 199, \$43,300. 9. (18) A.J. Foyt IV, Dallara-Toyota, 196, \$43,300. 10. (21) Paul Dana, Dallara-Toyota, 192,

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18. (20) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Toyota, 154, iccident, \$33,600. 19. (4) Buddy Rice, Panoz-Honda, 92, me-13. (4) Buddy Rice, Panoz-Honda, 92, mechanical, \$32,400, 20. (22) Ryan Briscoe, Panoz-Toyota, 61, accident, \$31,300. Tomas Enge, Dallara-Chevrolet, 41, ical, \$31,300. 21, (3) Tomas Engle, Janua a Januara mechanical, 531,300.
22, (5) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 12, mechanical, 531,300.
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## Deals

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# **Confident Smoltz makes** transition back to starter

The Associated Press

John Smoltz threw the first pitch of a game instead of its last for the first time since 2001 Kevin Brown made his first pain-free start since signing with the Yankees before last season.

After three stellar years as Atlanta's closer, Smoltz made a triumphant return to the starting rotation and nitched two scoreless innings Sunday during the Braves' 8-7 victory over a New York Mets split squad in Kissimmee, Fla.

"Same Smoltzie." manager Bobby Cox said. "Just got to build up some endurance, that's all. He's going to fit right in with all the other starters.

The 1996 Cy Young winner allowed two soft singles and struck out one against a watered-down Mets lineup. It was an impressive spring debut, especially for a year-old pitcher who was switched to the bullpen after three elbow operations - the Braves thought the move would prolong his career.

"It's funny how Randy Johnson's not old, Roger Clemens is not old, but a guy who's had four surgeries becomes old real quick," Smoltz said. "It's not an experiment. It's not something I haven't done before. But I understand the magnitude of what it could be."

At Tampa, Fla., Brown struggled through the first inning, allowing a run and three hits. Then he made some adjustments and followed with two scoreless innings in New York's 6-5 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

"At least I felt like I was moving OK. I didn't feel like I was locked up. It wasn't an issue,' Brown said.

Brown's health could be major factor for the Yankees. His back didn't feel right all of last year in going 10-6 with a 4.09 ERA, and the former All-Star missed most of September when he punched a wall and broke his left hand. Then he was shelled by the Boston Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS.

#### **Spring training**

He threw 53 pitches against the Reds, allowing four hits and two

walks with four strikeouts. "I loved what I saw," catcher Jorge Posada said.

Gary Sheffield, another injured Yankees star, made his debut.

Sheffield, recovering from an offseason operation on his left shoulder, went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI singles. The Yankees started their regular lineup for the first time this year — an All-Star at every position.

"Just to know that you can play a baseball game without feeling the agony or the pain I had last year, I can't really explain it," Sheffield said. "I just know when I'm healthy what I can do.

In other games:

Red Sox 5, Phillies 4: At Fort Myers, Fla., Hanley Ramirez, Boston's top minor leaguer, started a triple play in the top of the sixth inning. Boston's new shortstop, Edgar Renteria, homered off Amaury Telemaco, Randy Wolf. limited to 23 starts last year by tendinitis in his left elbow, allowed three hits in two scoreless innings in his first start of spring training.

Cardinals 5. Marlins 1: At Jupiter. Fla., A.J. Burnett allowed four runs in two innings for Florida Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter hit a two-run double and allowed two hits in three innings. striking out two. Jim Edmonds hit an RBI single for St. Louis.

Indians 2, Tigers 2 (10): At Winter Haven, Fla., C.C. Sabathia was scratched from his start because he strained a right abdominal muscle while warming up. The left-hander was replaced by Cliff Lee, who allowed one hit and struck out two in two scoreless innings. Chris Shelton had three of the Tigers' seven hits.

Nationals (ss) 9, Astros 4: At Viera. Fla., Washington's Zach Day made his first start in seven months, hitting the game's first

batter and allowing two solo hom ers. Brad Wilkerson homered for the second straight game for the Nationals

Mets (ss) 14. Nationals (ss) 5: At Port St. Lucie, Victor Zambrano gave up three hits and two runs in 2 1-3 innings for New York. Jose Reyes finished 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base

Nationals starter Mike Hinckley gave up six runs — five earned — and eight hits in two innings.

Devil Rays 5, Pirates 3: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Tampa Bay's Aubrey Huff had an RBI double, scored a run and caught a drive by Ty Wigginton against the left-field wall to preserve a tie. Ryan Vogelsong allowed three runs in three innings for Pittsburgh. Giants 10. Cubs 1: At Scotts

dale, Ariz., Omar Vizquel homered and singled for his first hits in a San Francisco uniform. Cubs starter Jimmy Anderson gave up five singles and three runs in the first inning.

Rangers 16, Rockies 1: At Tucson, Ariz., Texas prospect Adrian Gonzalez hit his second home run of spring training, this one off Shawn Chacon who is moving back to the starting rotation after a difficult year as Colorado's closer. He allowed three runs and three hits and threw a wild nitch in two innings

Orioles 4, Dodgers 2: Verd Beach, Fla., Scott Erickson, making a bid for the No. 5 spot in the Dodgers' rotation, pitched three innings of no-hit ball. Orioles Rodrigo Lopez also pitched three shutout innings in his first start of spring training.

Padres 9, Mariners 6 (10): At Peoria, Ariz., Xavier Nady and Jesse Garcia hit San Diego's first homers of the spring. Ichiro Suzuki and Randy Winn had RBI triples for Seattle.

Brewers 9, Royals 6: At Surprise, Ariz., Carlos Lee hit two home runs and drove in five runs for Milwaukee. Prince Fielder



spring training game in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Sunday.

went 3-for-3 and drove in three runs. Rick Helling, who spent all of last season in the minors. pitched two shutout innings for the Brewers.

Kansas City's Zack Greinke allowed seven runs and seven hits - four for extra bases Angels 17, Athletics 4: At

Phoenix, Casey Kotchman had a two-run double among his five RBIs. Bartolo Colon, making his first start of the spring for Los Angeles, struck out two in two innings. He gave up a run and two

Blue Jays 6, Twins 5: At Dune-

din, Fla., 2004 Cy Young winner Johan Santana allowed a hit in two innings for Minnesota. The 2003 winner, Roy Halladay, gave up two runs and four hits for Toronto. The Twins' Todd Dunwoody had three hits, including a double and solo homer off Halladay.

Diamondbacks 8, White Sox 3: At Tucson, Ariz, Javier Vazquez threw three strong innings for Arizona, giving up one run and two

hits while striking out three Fellow newcomer Troy Glaus

rove in a pair of runs.

Jermaine Dye hit his first homer as a member of the White

## Selig: No changes to record book for suspected steroid use Also Sunday, Rep. Tom Davis confirmed

PHOENIX - Steroids or not, baseball's

record book won't be changing. Commissioner Bud Selig said Sunday that no records will be taken away from players suspected of ste-

MLB briefs roid use. "That would be unfair to do that," said be-fore a game between the Oakland Athletics and Los Angeles An-

gels. "In fairness to those players, no one has been convicted of anything. And we can't turn history back.

"My job is to protect the integrity of the game Each era each decade has had situations where people said there were unfair advantages."

reports that the House Government Re-form Committee is prepared to subpoena players and officials who turn down invita tions to appear at a March 17 hearing on baseball's steroids policy

Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Jason Giambi, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro Frank Thomas, Selig and union head Donald Fehr are among those who have been invited, along with baseball executive vice president Sandy Alderson and San Diego general manager Kevin Towers.

"We'll use the subpoena to get them there if that's what we have to do," Davis, the committee chairman, told CBS News

### Schmidt: Other factors boosting HRs

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Mike Schmidt refused to blame steroids for the increase in home runs in the major leagues - or for his diminishing stature on the career homer list

"Leave steroids out of it," Schmidt said Sunday, "There's a simple explanation why the home run totals are what they are, and the guys that are hitting would agree with me - it's park size, hard baseballs and hard bats

Since the Hall of Fame third baseman retired in 1989 with the seventh-most home runs (548), he has been passed by four players — Barry Bonds (703), Mark McGwire (583), Sammy Sosa (574) and Rafael Palmeiro (551).

Schmidt estimates the smaller ballparks and the equipment help elite power hitters add 10-12 home runs more per season than those of his generation.

#### Indians' Miller out until June

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. - Pitcher Adam Miller, regarded as the Cleveland Indians top prospect, will be sidelined until at least June with a strained right elbow.

An MRI evam showed a strained ligament in his throwing arm, and he won't be allowed to throw for six weeks. Another MRI then will be taken to determine if he can be cleared for a four-to-six week throwing program, said John Farrell, the team's director of player development.

Farrell said Sunday surgery does not ap-

ear likely. Miller, drafted in the first round in 2003, went a combined 10-6 at two levels of Class A ball in 2004. The 20-year-old right-hand-er's fastball was timed at 100 mph last summer with Kinston in the Carolina League

championship series.

## Truex earns Busch win south of the border

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - NASCAR's first surprise-filled journey south of the border finished a lot like those back home, with regu lars Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick and Carl Edwards at the front of the nack

Truex used a planned early pit stop and took advantage of a lucky yellow flag that shut the door on two pursuers — to hang onto the lead over the final 28 laps of the first points-paying NASCAR race outside the United States in a half century Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick fin-

ished just over 6 seconds back, second in a third-consecutive Busch Series race after slipping past Carl Edwards on the 78th lap of the 80-lap Telcel-Motorola 200.

Truex made two early pit stops, his last at the 46th lap

"We wanted to have a full tank of gas with 40 laps to go," Truex said. The pit stop came seconds before a cau-

tion flag came out. Adrian Fernandez and Boris Said run-

ning in the top five, were caught in the approach to pit road and were penalized for pitting too quickly after the caution period started. They started at the back of pack, dashing their chances to win. "As soon as we reached pit road and they

told me the caution was out, I said, 'Yeah! That's perfect!' We caught a little bit of luck there." Truex said. Said battled back to fifth and Fernandez

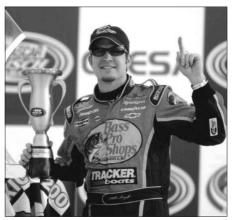
to 10th by the end of the race.

in his backup car.

Edwards had a remarkable comeback as well. He smashed his main car in practice and blew a replacement engine. Yet he managed to qualify ninth and finish third

Reed Sorenson, who entered the race second to Harvick in the season points standing, was running strong before spinning onto the grass on lap 59. Virtually all of the pack passed before he could get back on the track.

The race was a boost for NASCAR's effort to build a new fan base in Mexico,



Martin Truex Jr. celebrates after winning the Nascar series race at the Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack in Mexico City on Saturday. It was NASCAR's first race in Mexico.

where open-wheel racing has been dominant. Promoters said a healthy 94,229 people turned out on race day following a

38.319 crowd for Saturday's qualifying "This could become the marquee event the series," said Robbie Weiss, NASCAR's chief of international business. But he said no contract had yet been

signed for next year. Ticket prices started at 180 pesos -about \$17 — nearly double the country - nearly double the country's median daily wage.

But fans hoping for a hometown stunner had to be satisfied the pole position and early race leadership of the little-known Jorge Goeters, who was making his first Busch Series race.

Goeters led for the first 24 laps, but his first NASCAR pit stop was a disaster coming in under the green flag and stopping initially at a neighboring pit.

He battled back up to 10th but pulled off the track on the 66th lan with his car snew44 This could become the marauee event for the series.

> Robbie Weiss NASCAR's chief of international business

Fernandez, making his first NASCAR start, had the fastest practice time but a crash in qualifying knocked him to the back of Sunday's grid. He fought back to the lead, but was then penalized to the back again.

Edwards clipped another Mexican star, Michel Jourdain Jr., spinning him into the wall and knocking him out of the race for 10 lans while his crew worked on renairs. "I was a little overaggressive," Edwards

said in a public apology to Jourdain. "I hope I can make it up to him." Carlos Contreras, the first Mexican to

race in a Busch race, was running a steady sixth when his car slowed on the 72nd lap and he pitted Robby Gordon qualified in the first row

Saturday but quickly ran into engine woes during the race, and pitted after the 59th lap after spewing oil on the track.

NASCAR said it was investigating a pre race scuffle between Gordon and Car Edwards' crew chief Brad Parrott

NASCAR modified the Hermanos Rodriguez course, designed for Formula One and Champ Cars, to accommodate the less-agile and slower-braking NASCAR vehicles

The prerace festivities were conducted in Spanglish. After the national anthems of Mexico and the United States, Grand Marshall Eugenio Derbez, a local television star, cried out, "Viva Mexico!" and summoned the cars to life with the traditional English cry, "Gentlemen, start your en-

## Ex-Huskies coach Neuheisel settles for at least \$4.5M

KENT. Wash. - Fired football coach Rick Neuheisel will receive at least \$4.5 million in a settlement Monday of his lawsuit against the NCAA and the University of Washington. The deal was announced by

Judge Michael Spearman just before closing arguments were to begin in the 5-week trial

Neuheisel will receive cash payents of \$2.5 million from the NCAA and \$500,000 from the university. Additionally, the university agreed not to seek repayment of a \$1.5 million loan. Neuheisel's attorneys also in-

cluded \$200,000 in interest on the loan in announcing their settlement figure of \$4.7 million. University officials disputed that figure, saying no loan inter-

est was included in the settlement "I feel fully vindicated," Neuheisel said outside the courtmom. "Obviously they're going to have their stories, too, but I feel like this is the best scenario. Nobody's

nose gets bloodied."

"The legal system works," he



players got together and found an amicable resolution. ľm thrilled to be

moving on.

Neuheisel, now the quarter-backs coach for the Baltimore Ravens, had accused the university of wrongfully terminating his contract and the NCAA of encouraging Washington administrators to fire him.

The university had argued that he had signed a contract that allowed for his firing for acts of dishonesty. School officials have said Neuheisel was fired for gambling on an NCAA basketball pool and failing to be forthright about it with NCAA investigators

Last week. Spearman left open the possibility of declaring a mis trial because the NCAA had failed to provide Neuheisel's legal team with an updated version of its bylaws during discovery. In a statement Monday, the university said it agreed to settle because a mistrial could be declared.

In four seasons with the Hus-

kies. Neuheisel compiled a 33-16 record, including a Rose Bowl victory in 2001 and a No. 3 national ranking. Former athletic director Barbara Hedges fired him in 2003 after she said Neuheisel lied to her about interviewing for a job with the San Francisco 49ers and about his participation in NCAA men's basketball gambling pools in 2002 and '03.

#### Warner agrees with Cardinals

PHOENIX - Kurt Warner agreed Sunday to a one-year, \$4 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals, the two-time MVP's third team in three seasons.

The 33-year-old quarterback. vho lost his starting job with the Giants to rookie Eli Manning last season, is to sign the contract and appear at a news conference in Arizona on Tuesday.

Warner was a three-time Pro Bowl selection with the St. Louis Rams. He led the Rams to the Super Bowl in 1999 and 2001, heating Tennessee and winning MVP in the 2000 game.

But after losing the starting job to Marc Bulger in St. Louis, he signed a one-year deal with the Gi-

Warner has made it clear that he expects to be a starter.

#### RB Johnson signs with Bengals CINCINNATI - Running back Rudi Johnson signed a one-year. \$6.3 million contract Monday to

stay with the Cincinnati Bengals. Johnson, who set a Bengals single-season rushing record last season with 1.454 vards, is still free to negotiate a long-term contract with the team, and he says he

Johnson became a free agent March 2, but the Bengals designated him their franchise player. meaning they could retain him by matching any offer sheet he signed with another team.

wants to do that.

The deal allows the Bengals to keep Johnson while they see whether Chris Perry, their top draft choice in 2004, will develop into their running back of the future. Perry was sidelined much of his rookie season by injuries.

#### Sullivan finalists announced

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -Olympic gold medalists Michael Phelps, Carly Patterson and Paul Hamm, and Heisman Trophy win ner Matt Leinart were among the 10 finalists announced Monday for the Sullivan Award, given to the nation's top amateur athlete.

Phelps, last year's Sullivan winner, captured six golds and two bronzes at the Athens Olympics, matching the record for most medals won at a single Games.

Patterson, of Allen, Texas, was the first U.S. woman to win the Olympic all-around title since Mary Lou Retton. She also won silver medals in the team competition and on the balance beam and was the USOC's SportsWoman of the Year.

Hamm was the first U.S. man to win the Olympic all-around. Leinart led Southern California

to an undefeated season and its second straight national title. Other finalists are: Jeremy

Wariner (track) Elisha Au (karate); Natalie Coughlin (swimming); Steven Lopez (taekwondo); Cael Sanderson (wrestling); and Andre Ward (boying) Online voting on the USA Today Web site will help determine the winner, who will be announced April 13 in New York.

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Sunday, March 13 Championship

#### **Atlantic Sun**

Gardner-Webb 64, Troy 62 Central Florida 81, Mercer 68 Belmont 67, Georgia State 61 Jacksonville 68, Lipscomb 64 Friday, March 4 Thursday, March 3 Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76 Central Florida 66, Belmont 61 Saturday, March 5 Championship Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

#### Atlantic 10

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Sunday, March 13
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### Southwestern Athletic

Thursday, March 10 Alabama St. vs. Prairie View A&M Mississippi Valley vs. Jackson St. Alabama A&M vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff Friday, March 11 Sunday, March 13 Championship

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Tuesday, March 8

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Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tech
Nevada vs. Boise State/Tulsa
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# Paul's two shots are key as Wake beats N.C. State

BY AARON BEARD The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Chris Paul's first-half shot nearly overshad-owed his last-second basket to beat North Carolina State.

The sophomore hit a buzzer-beating runner to lift fourth-ranked Wake Forest past the North Carolina State 55-53 on Sunday night, keeping the Demon Deacons in contention for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament But Paul also faced plenty of

questions afterward about his low blow to Wolfpack star Julius Hodge

Either way, the feisty point guard was the center of attention. Paul finished with nine points and six assists for the Demon Deacons (26-4, 13-3 Atlantic Conference) who have won 10 of 11 and tied school records for victories overall and in the league

With the Wolfpack (17-12, 7-9) leading 53-50, Justin Gray nailed a tying three-pointer right in front of the Wake Forest bench with 12.8 seconds left.

Engin Atsur tried to answer, but his hurried three-pointer fell well short of the rim and out of bounds, giving the Demon Deacons possession with 4.2 seconds

Paul did the rest. He inbounded the ball to Vytas Danelius, who sent it right back. Paul then weaved through the retreating Wolfpack defenders, bounced off a bump from Atsur and launched a fadeaway shot from about 12

The ball swished through the net at the horn, sending the Demon Deacons onto the court for a celebration - and giving Paul the last word on a testy night in Raleigh.

In a play that set the tone the rest of the night. Paul gave Hodge a harsh parting gift on senior night, hitting him with a low blow during a battle underneath the basket. Hodge, the reigning ACC player of the year, fell to the court with 12:48 left in the first half.

With Hodge down, his older brother, Steve, walked onto the court to see if Julius was OK and to yell toward Paul on the Wake Forest bench. Steve Hodge walked off the court, and arena se-curity soon instructed him to leave the court area. Once Hodge got up, he angrily

yelled and gestured toward the emon Deacons' sideline on his way back to the bench Paul said the two were just tangled up

"I don't believe I popped him," Paul said. "It was just the heat of

the game. I've got too much re spect for him to try to pop him on senior night.

Told that replays showed him hitting Hodge, Paul responded, "I haven't seen the replay. The question is whether Paul

will face any kind of sanction



N.C. State's Julius Hodge (24) and Wake Forest's Chris Paul contest a rebound late in Sunday night's game. Wake won 55-53.

from the league for the blow. Hodge mentioned his suspension as a freshman for an elbow he threw against Maryland's Steve Blake, which was caught on film and led to a one-game suspension.

"He punched me in the groin and the ref saw it," Hodge said. "I got suspended for that (as a freshman). ... I never play dirty like

that Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said he didn't see the incident. N.C. State coach Herb Sendek said he had reviewed replays of the incident, but declined com-

ment. "I think the replay is going to have to speak for me tonight," he

A few minutes after returning to the game. Hodge was whistled for a technical foul when he gave Paul a shove after he was fouled in the post.

From there, Paul was booed loudly every time he touched the ball, and N.C. State fans began chanting "Dirty Deacons!"

Wake Forest shot just 29 per-cent in the second half, going without a field goal for 10 minutes, but still pulled it out on big shots by Paul and Grav.

And on the same day that No. 1 Illinois, No. 3 Kentucky, No. 6 Duke and No. 7 Kansas lost, the Demon Deacons saw an opportu-

"We thought that might've (for a No. 1 seed) and gave us a chance right here to make a move said Gray, who had 15 points.

Ilian Evtimov scored 19 points to lead N.C. State, which is trying for its fourth straight NCAA bid.

# **Falcons still flying high**

## Posting its best-ever record cost Air Force its coach, but new guy Chris Mooney has things under control

BY RANDY HOLTZ

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.

This is wrong, all wrong. College basketball coaches are supposed to be old, crotchety guys, men sporting faces creased with years of worry, edgy men with nervous systems ravaged by the torments of knowing their professional fate is decided by unpredictable youngsters who barely need to shave



Picture Bob Knight, Jim Calhoun, Gene Keady, tortured souls all. Chris Moon-

ey does not fit the mold, not even a little bit. He is 32 and looks younger. He is pleasant. He smiles a lot. The requisite intensity is there, vet it is all inside, not on his sleeve for all

But there are different ways to skin this college hoops cat, which Mooney has proved during an Air Force Academy season that further has established the Falcons as one of the feel-good turnaround stories in the sport.

When Mooney took over at Air Force for one of his longtime mentors, promoted from an assistant's job after the departure of Joe Scott to their shared alma mater of Princeton after last season's worst-to-first transformation, the decision was a no-brainer

Same system, same theories. many of the same players. Still, there was no guarantee Mooney would not drop the ball. As a major-college coach, he was as untested as they come, all youth and ambition.

He has not dropped the ball. He has carried it to the second-finest season in Air Force history, guid ing the Falcons to an 18-11 record and the No. 3 seed in the Mountain West Conference tournament beginning Thursday in Denver. He has done it with the same

44 I knew when he was plauing for us at Princeton that Chris would be a coach someday. He loved to play and he knew how to play. He understood what

Former Air Force coach

kind of attention to detail, the

same kind of intelligence and precision that allowed Scott to turn a hopelessly overmatched program into a conference champion and NCAA tournament participant.

it took to win. "

Mooney has done it with none of the over-the-top sideline theat rics of Scott, with none of the fiery-eyed, for-all-to-see passion that marked the tenure of his friend and former boss.

If Scott is a Type A personality, Mooney is a Type Z. But there is no arguing with the results.

"First and foremost he's a natural leader, a guy people want to follow," said A.J. Kuhle, a senior starter on last season's 22-7 team and now a graduate assistant. 'It's his overall attitude and anproach, the way he carries himself. It's his knowledge, his enthusiasm and his energy.

"He hasn't changed at all from the past few years, except now he's the guy with the final say."

Mooney performed this coaching gig before, but not at the NCAA Division I level. He began at Lansdale Catholic High School in his native Philadelphia, then moved to Beaver College, a small-schools program in Pennsylvania. Then Scott got the Air Force job and brought Mooney with him.

Until this season, Mooney was the behind-the-scenes guy, the enabler, the one keeping time behind the drums as Scott played front man. He watched and learned as Scott led. Now Mooney

To Scott, whose first Princeton team has struggled with a 15-12 record and also-ran status in the Ivy League, Mooney's promotion was an easy decision.

"I knew when he was playing for us at Princeton (when Scott was an assistant to Pete Carril and Bill Carmody) that Chris would be a coach someday," Scott said. "He loved to play and he knew how to play. He understood what it took to win. He understood the plan."

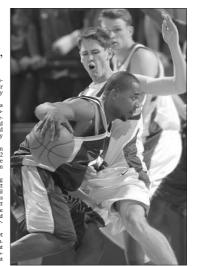
Now it is Mooney's job to get others to understand the plan. His methods of persuasion might he gentler than those of the extroverted Scott, but they work just the same.

"There were a lot of things involved in the transition," Mooney said. "Last season was such a magical season that when it was over, everybody was flying so It was like, 'Hey, everything's great.

"And then Joe left and people were wondering where we were headed. I thought it was important to get to work right away on the players' mind-sets. I had to know where they were with all this.

"So on the afternoon of the morning press conference (an-nouncing his promotion), we had individual workouts. I talked to every player individually. I wanted to make the transition as seam. less as nossible

It was not all sunshine, flowers and chirping birds. Faced with the most challenging nonconference schedule in school history -Scott made stepping up the schedule a top priority — Air Force



r Force's Tim Anderson draws a charging foul from Wyoming's Jerry Webb a 61-56 victory last Saturday, Air Force's 18th of the season.

opened 6-5. When the Falcons lost 73-63 at Iowa on Dec. 28, their third consecutive setback folks began wondering if Moon ey's promotion was the right

The young coach didn't panic, the younger players became more comfortable in the system and the veterans ratcheted up their leadership.

thing after all.

Since then, the Falcons have gone 12-6. Their only Mountain West losses have come to conference champion Utah (twice) and on the road against Wyoming, New Mexico and UNLV.

The Falcons need to win the conference tournament to get a return trip to the NCAA tournament berth. The way they are playing, it is not outside the realm of possibility. If they cannot pull it off, they likely are headed to the NIT.

The NIT is not to be confused with the NCAAs, but through three decad0es of Air Force basketball misery, any sort of postseason appearance would have been grounds for a parade.

"Nothing has come easy for us," said senior guard Tim Keller, one of three returning starters. "There aren't a lot of teams willing to do what we do. Every night's been a battle.

"But coach Mooney has been there with us all along, making us better. I think he's done an unbelievable job in a very difficult situation. Every guy on this team has the utmost respect for him.

## No longer unanimous, Illinois still No. 1

By JIM O'CONNELL The Associated Press

Illinois' first loss of the season wasn't enough to knock the Illini out of the top spot in the AP poll.

Illinois was on top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll on Monday for the 14th straight week, but for the first time in five weeks the Illini were not a unanimous selection, receiving 48 first-place votes and 1.725 points from the national media

Sunday's 65-64 loss to Ohio State ended any hopes of a perfect season for Illinois (29-1), which was trying to become the first team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss since IINI V in 1991

### North Carolina remains in second: Wake Forest jumps a spot to third North Carolina (26-3), which

needed a game-closing 11-0 run to beat Duke 75-73 on Sunday, stayed No. 2 for the third straight week and fifth of the last six. The Tar Heels had the other 22 votes for No. 1 and 1,701 points.

Wake Forest (26-4), which needed a buzzer-beater by Chris Paul to get past North Carolina State 55-53 on Sunday night, moved up one spot to No. 3.

Kentucky (23-4), which lost 53-52 to Florida on Sunday. dropped one place to fourth.

The top four teams went 2-2 on

Sunday with the games decided by a total of six points Duke, which beat Miami in its

other game last week, moved up one place to No. 5, while Louisville, which won the Conference USA regular-season championship, moved up three spots to a season-high sixth.

Boston College, which lost to Pittsburgh at home by 22 points last week, dropped two spots to seventh and was followed by Arizona, Kansas and Oklahoma

next Monday Arizona's No. 8 ranking was its

sas, which has lost of four of six. fell to its season low at No. 9.

Gonzaga moved up one spot to match its highest ranking of the season at No. 11. The Bulldogs were followed by Connecticut, Michigan State, Washington, Utah, Syracuse, Oklahoma, Pacific, Villanova and Alabama. The last five ranked teams were Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin, Nevada and Charlotte.

Charlotte (21-6) lost to Louis ville and South Florida last week and the 49ers' drop from 18th to No. 25 was the biggest of the week.

This was the third straight week that the same 25 teams were ranked. The final poll will be released

### AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's rankinn: Pts 29-1 1,725 26-3 1,701 26-4 1,596 23-4 1,445 22-5 1,393 26-4 1,350 24-3 1,286 25-5 1,192 22-5 1,134 21-6 1,067 24-4 1,064 9. Kansas 10. Oklahoma St. 11. Gonzaga 12. Connecticut 13. Michigan St. 14. Washington 24-4 21-6 22-5 24-5 25-4 24-6 23-6 25-2 21-6 23-6 24-6 20-7 22. Pittsburgh 20-7 288 24 23. Wisconsin 20-7 260 23 24. Nevada 24-5 149 25 25. Charlotte 24-5 149 25 25. Charlotte 25. Charlott

# **Suns bomb misfiring Sonics; Duncan injured in Spurs win**

In a matchup of the NBA's long-distance leaders, the Phoenix Suns consistently made their shots - and the Seattle SuperSonics just didn't.

Joe Johnson scored 30 noints and went 5-for-5 from three-point range to lead Phoenix past Seattle 110-99 on Sunday night.

The Suns entered the game av-eraging more than nine three-pointers a contest, with the Sonics close behind. Phoenix visitors kept it up, finishing 10-for-17, but Seattle made just three of 27 shots from behind the

"We missed some shots that we ordinarily hit," Seattle guard Antonio Daniels said. "In the



fourth quarter, we should have put more of an emphasis on attacking the rim. Sometimes, we bailed

them out by just launching it." While Phoenix has a plethora

of options on offense. Seattle depends heavily on the three - and shooting 11 percent didn't cut it against the league's top offense.

Ray Allen scored 27 points, but missed six of his eight three-point attempts. Vladimir Radmanovic went 0-for-8, and Luke Ridnour missed all of his five shots.

"Everybody came to play," Allen said. "We just didn't have the rhythm."

Amare Stoudemire had 22 noints for Phoeniy - mostly in the paint — and Steve Nash added 12 points and 10 assists to help Phoenix avenge a 113-105 loss at home last month, when the Sonics hit 12 three-pointers. The victory was the Suns' fifth in six games and improved their road record to a league-best 24-7

"This was a good game for us, Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said "It follows up winning at Dallas and against Detroit, so we have had three good wins in the last couple of weeks. We are playing at a high level?

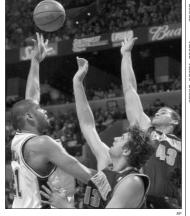
Rashard Lewis had 26 points and 11 rebounds for Seattle. which lost forward Nick Collison to a broken nose in the second quarter

He'll be re-evaluated Monday.

After handily defeating the Western Conference's No. 3 team, Phoenix (46-14) have a chance to take over the league's best record when it hosts San Antonio on Wednesday night. The Spurs (46-13) could be without Tim Duncan, who sprained his right ankle against the Utah Jazz and isn't expected to play Tuesday against New Jersey.

"The key is not to be complacent," Nash said, "We're a young team. We have to stay focused to keen this thing going

It was a matchup between two of the top three teams in the West-



Spurs forward Tim Duncan shoots over Utah's Mehmet Okur and Kris Humphries (right) before he left Sunday's game with a sprained ankle.

ern Conference, and both wanted

That was evident from the way the Suns' bench players celebrated with the game in hand and by a rare ejection for Sonics coach Nate McMillan, whistled for two technical fouls in the fourth quar-

When it was finally over, D'Antoni let out a deep breath and wiped his brow.

"We always step up to the plate, but this was a big game," Stoudemire said. "I'm pretty sure both teams understood that."

Spurs 101, Jazz 94: At San Antonio, Duncan missed most of the second half when he came down on the leg of teammate Rasho Nes-

X-rays on Duncan's ankle were negative and Manu Ginobili led the Spurs in his absence with 31

Keith McCleod led the Jazz

with 18 points.

Heat 102, Cavaliers 82: Shaquille O'Neal spent much of his 33rd birthday in foul trouble, but Eddie Jones scored 19 points, Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem added 18 aniece and the visiting

Heat won their fifth straight. O'Neal played just 19 minutes in the first three quarters and finished with 13 points, five rehounds and six assists

LeBron James scored 23 points for the Cavaliers, who have lost six straight.

Timberwolves 99, Celtics 97: Latrell Sprewell made a runner with 0.9 seconds remaining to give Kevin McHale a victory in his first game on the sidelines at Roston

Antoine Walker had 16 points on 7-for-9 shooting in his first loss since returning to the Celtics. Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 13

rehounds and nine assists for the

Lakers 103, Pacers 94: Kobe Bryant scored 37 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help spoil Reggie Miller's final NRA game in Los Angeles.

Miller, who grew up in nearby Riverside and played at UCLA finished with 11 points in 38 minutes on 5-for-16 shooting

Stephen Jackson had 29 points for the Pacers, who have lost their last nine road games against the Lakers.

Knicks 115. Warriors 99: At New York, Stephon Marbury had 26 points and a season-high 16 assists, and the Knicks used a 21-1 run in the fourth quarter to defeat the Warriore

Tim Thomas scored 25 points as the Knicks shot a season-high

Jason Richardson scored 24 points, and Troy Murphy added

23 for the Warriors.

Raptors 95, Hornets 84: At New Orleans, Chris Bosh scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, helping the Raptors end a two-game skid.

Lee Nailon led the Hornets with 18 points.

#### NBA scoreboard

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# Woods back on top, but for how long?

BY DOUG FERGUSON

MIAMI - Getting back to No. 1 in the world wasn't easy for Tiger Woods

It took him eight tournaments over six months to nudge past Vijay Singh in the world ranking. And it required a Herculean effort against Phil Mickelson to win the Ford Championship at Doral, including some clutch shots that will be talked about the rest of the

Woods drove the 347-yard 16th green on Saturday. He twice reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and made a 25-foot eagle putt in the final round to take the lead for the first time.

He made a 30-foot putt on the 17th hole that turned out to be the difference. And his 63-66 was the lowest weekend by a winner in the 44-year history at Doral.

"That was special," Woods said of his duel with Mickelson

The last time Woods took over No. 1 in the world ranking, he won a memorable duel by making a clutch putt on the 17th hole at Medinah to beat 19-year-old Sergio Garcia in the final major of the millennium.

Woods then stayed on top for the next 264 weeks

This time, it might not be that easy

His reign could be over at the end of this week, or perhaps the end of the month.

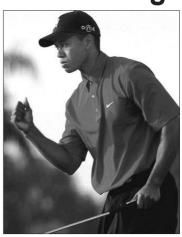
"He's certainly going to have increased competition that he hasn't had in past years," Jack Nicklaus said Monday. "You heard me a couple of years ago. What will happen to Tiger? I said a lot of his competition had not shown up yet, or guys playing against him will raise the level of their golf game."

Nicklaus quickly ticked off the names of Mickelson, Singh and Retief Goosen, all of whom won majors last year, and all of whom were in the top eight at Doral. Halfway around the world. Ernie Els produced a dramatic finish of his own by making an 18-foot eagle on the last hole to win the Dubai Desert Classic.

Call it golf's version of March Madness.

"It's a great week for golf," said Zach Johnson, who tied for third with Singh at Doral. "This is what the spectators want. They want





Phil Mickelson flinches in agony after he just missed a chip shot on No. 18 that would have tied Tiger Woods for the lead in the Ford Championship at Doral. Woods, right, pumps his fist on the 17th green after making a 30-foot birdie putt to take the lead for good during the final round.

these kind of duels. They will have a lot more of them. Tiger raised the bar. And now everybody is starting to come toward

him

After Woods won the '99 PGA Championship, he ended the season with four straight victories, then reeled off one of the greatest ns in golf. Not only did he win nine tournaments and three straight majors in 2000, he won by record margins and left everyone so far behind that it appeared he would be No. 1 until retire-

Now the list of challengers is longer than ever.

Singh might be able to return to No. 1 this week if he wins the Honda Classic.

Els' victory in Dubai was his first of the year and puts him in a good frame of mind on the road to the Masters. The Big Easy is close enough that he could be No. 1 by the end of the month.

Mickelson Inst another final-round showdown with Woods, although he still might be the hottest player in golf. Coming off a five-shot victory in Phoenix and a wire-to-wire win at Pebble Beach, Lefty spent 10 consecutive rounds atop the leaderboard in stroke play and was shocked the streak didn't stretch to 11

His back-to-back birdies after Woods pulled ahead for the first time was evidence that Mickelson is not one to wilt. He had a 30-foot birdie chip on the final hole that lipped out of the cup.

I felt like I was playing better than anybody," Mickelson said. "I just knew I was going to win, and when I didn't, it was a great slap in the face. Because I'm going to work my tail off to salvage a couple more shots. When I come back to The Players Championship and the Masters, I'm going to be ready.

On the surface, Woods looks as dynamic as ever. After going four years without

a comeback victory, Woods now has two in a row. He came from two shots down at Torrey Pines against Tom Lehman, then made up a two-shot deficit against Mickson in the final round at Doral.

Woods beat Mickelson, but not without a tremendous effort. "That shows you what kind of competitor Phil is," Woods said.

"Don't forget what he did on that back nine. That was impressive to watch

Equally impressive are the first two months of the PGA Tour sea-

Singh won the Sony Open with a birdie on the final hole after Els had closed with a 62. Woods and Mickelson each have won twice.

And while Els squandered two chances in Hawaii, the victory in Dubai was important.

The only question mark right now is Singh.

He missed the cut at Pebble Beach and was eliminated in the second round of the Match Play Championship, Singh hit the ball beautifully at Doral, but simply couldn't make enough putts. Still, it was his first top 10 finish since Hawaii

Singh slipped out a side door without talking about his final round Sunday. He is the only player among the top five who is playing this week in the Honda Clas-

Mickelson is taking two weeks off, one of those a skiing trip with his family in Colorado.

Woods will take off next week before resuming his road to the Masters — Bay Hill. The Players Championship, a week to practice and then on to Augusta, where he could find a large crowd of players capable of stopping him

## Grieving Nicklaus likely to skip Masters for just third time

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. -- Jack Nicklaus had planned to squeeze in a few trips to Augusta National this month, making sure his 65-year-old body was fit and his game was good enough to compete in the Masters.

Now, the Masters is the last thing on his

"I think with what's happened to us in our family, my time is going to be spent in much different ways," Nicklaus said Mon-day, his first public comments since his 17-month-old grandson drowned in a hot tub. "That's the most important thing right tant thing for a long time. Nicklaus said his chances of playing the

Masters are "between slim and none, though he plans to be at Augusta National for the Champions Dinner, maybe even the Par 3 Tournament

He still would like to play the British Open at St. Andrews in July since this is his last year of eligibility and because his son, Steve, wants to caddie for him. It was Steve Nicklaus' son, Jake, who

drowned Tuesday night.

Nicklaus sat before a small gathering Monday morning at The Loxahatchee Club, not as the steely-eyed winner of 18

major championships, but as a teary-eyed grandfather who had lost one of his 17 grandchildren

He declined to cancel the appearance, saying it was the right thing to do.

"Life has got to move on. Life is for the living," Nicklaus said. "It hurts, but you go on. You make commitments, and you've got to do them.

Nicklaus is perhaps the greatest champion golf has known, winning a record 18 majors over 25 seasons. But he has always taken more pride in his family.

There are the famous stories of how he fainted when his wife, Barbara, gave birth to each of their five children. There was that memorable photo of him scooping up 4-year-old Gary after a round in the 1973 PGA Championship. Gary Nicklaus later played two years on the PGA Tour.

And when Nicklaus had his left hip re placed in 1999 - causing him to miss the Masters for the first time — he said it was to improve his quality of life so he could remain active with his grandchildren, not to help him play another major.

If he doesn't play at Augusta, it would be

only the third time since he first played in 1959. After the hip replacement operation in 1999, he missed 2002 because of lingering back problems.

Nicklaus has not played the British Open since 2000 at St. Andrews

# **SPORTS**

Tiger returns to top of golf, but facing tough challenge to remain there, Page 39



# The tides of March

Wild weekend finishes help stir up rankings among colleges' Top 25

BY JIM O'CONNELL The Associated Press

The end of Illinois' run at a perfect season turned out to be just one part of a wild Sunday for the top four teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll.

Just hours after Ohio State handed the top-ranked Illini their first loss of the season, No. 3 Kentucky lost by the same one-point margin to Florida

It took a game-closing 11-0 run for No. 2 North Carolina to beat No. 6 Duke by two points, and then No. 4 Wake Forest needed a buzzer-beater from Chris Paul for a 55-53 victory over North Carolina State.

The top four went 2-2 just days before the conference tournaments get under way

Illinois (29-1, 15-1 Big Ten) was trying to become the second team in two seasons to get to "Championship Week" without a loss

Ohio State reserve Matt Sylvester hit a three-pointer with 5.1 seconds left to give the Buckeyes the 65-64 lead and the Illini's Roger Powell Jr. wasn't close with a three-point attempt at the buzzer.

"Everyone says a loss will help. We'll find out," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We'll learn from it and move on. This next stretch is the most important of the year and that's what people are going to remember

Saint Joseph's was 27-0 last season when the top-ranked Hawks lost to Xavier by 20 points in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament. The loss didn't derail their season by any means as they reached the round of eight in the NCAA tournament, losing to Oklahoma State in a thriller one game short of the Final Four

Stanford also made a run at a perfect season last season, winning its first 26 before losing to Washington in the last game before the Pac-10 tournament. The Cardinal won the conference tournament, then were upset by Ala-

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hama in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

No. 7. Kansas

Xavier's coach in that game gainst Saint Joe's was Matta. He moved on to Ohio State this season and on Sunday he ended another run at perfection.

"I'd like to be the other team just one time," Matta said, laughing. "I'm living for the day I'm the No. 1 team and someone else is trying to do it to us."

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991. The Runnin Rebels lost to Duke in the Final

The last team to go undefeated in a season was Indiana in 1976. Illinois is still the top seed in

this week's Big Ten tournament and it's hard to imagine the Illini losing the No. 1 ranking or a No. 1 seed in the NCAA's field of 65. "I'd rather lose now than three weeks from now," Weber said.

North Carolina freshman Marvin Williams converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left to cap an 11-0 run and give

the second-ranked Tar Heels a 75-73 victory over No. 6 Duke. Sean May had 26 points and 24 rebounds to record his eighth straight double-double for North Carolina (26-3, 14-2), which won its first Atlantic Coast Conference regular- season championship since 1993, the same year of its

most recent national title. Florida ended an eight-game losing streak to Kentucky as Anthony Roberson scored 21 points,





Clockwise from top: North Carolina's Sean May (right) shoots over Duke's Shelden Williams during the Tar Heels' victory. North Carolina scored the last 11 points and won the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title; Florida's Matt Walsh (right) hugs teammate Taurean Green after the Gators beat No. 3 Kentucky for the first time since March 2001; and Ohio State's J.J. Sullinger celebrates the Buckeyes' victory over Illinois Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. It was the top-ranked Illini's first loss of the season.

including two free throws with 15 seconds remaining

The Wildcats (23-4, 14-2 Southeastern Conference) had a chance to win it, but Kelenna Azubuike's three-pointer just before the buzzer bounced off the left

Paul went the length of the court in 4 seconds and hit the winner from about 12 feet for the Demon Deacons (26-4, 13-3), who finished second to North Carolina in the ACC

There is no record of the top three teams all losing on the same day, although they have all lost in the same week several times. The last time it happened was November 2003 when the top four

- Connecticut, Duke, Michigan State and Arizona — went down.

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